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—OF THE—

Forty-Fifth Annual Sesssion

—OF THE—

Liberty Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

Abbott's Creek Church, Davidson County, N. C.,

AUGUST 23d, 24th and 26th, 1878.

PROF. H. W. REINHART, Moderator.
ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS.

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH, August 23d, 1878.

The Association convened according to adjournment. Introductory sermon by Prof. H. W. Reinhart, President of Thomasville Female College, from Luke 14th chapter and 33d verse.

After refreshments the Assocation was called to order by Elder William Turner, the Moderator, by reading a portion of the 119th Psalm. The hymn, "Ye nations round the earth rejoice," was sung, after which prayer was offered by Elder H. Morton.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the different churches, and names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Muddy Creek: William Doty, Enoch Mullican and Benjamin Doty.

New Friendship: Alexander Delap, Theophilus Kimel and C. A. Rominger.

Abbott's Creek: G. W. Charles, John Teague and N. W. Beason.

High Point: J. Welch, B. Harris and A. C. Jones.

Thomasville: H. W. Reinhart, A. R. Witherington and S. W. Howerton.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Pine Meeting House: Moses Lamb, James Beck and L. F. Barnes.

Jersey Settlement: A. J. Owen, G. W. Smith, Sen., and A. H. March.*

Reed's X Roads: Michael Leonard, J. N. Craven and J. A. Myres.

Marion: Peter Lopp, Samuel Clinard and R. S. Green.

Liberty: Wisdom Miller, W. L. Beck and William Bowers.

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DISTRICT NO. 3.

Holloway's: Samuel Beeker, A. McClenney and A. E. Prim.

Lick Creek: W. P. Redwine, James H. Daniel* and Franklin Bean.

Big Creek: M. J. Leach, W. A. Russel and J. M. Henderson.

Tom's Creek: Henry Sheets, A. J. Buie* and Ivy Sheets.

Pierce's Chapel: Thomas Lambeth,* Farley Cody* and Henry Small.*

Summerville: W. N. Kinney, J. R. Doby* and John Buie.*

The body then proceeded to the election of it officers. Prof. H. W. Reinhart was chosen Moderator and Henry Sheets, Clerk.

An invitation was then given to correspondents and visiting brethren, wherupon Elders H. A. Brown and A. E. Kitchen from the Beaulah; Elders E. Crutchfield and J. M. Pugh from the Sandy Creek, and Eld. Thomas Carrick from the Tar River Association; Elder R H. Griffith, Agent of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of Biblical Recorder, reported themselves and were cordially invited to seats by the Moderator.

An opportunity was then given to any church that desired to connect itself with this body.

The Moderator then appointed the following committes:

On Finance: A. J. Owen and G. W. Charles.

On Education: Thomas Carrick and C. A. Rominger.

On Ministerial Support: H. Morton and M. J. Leach.

On Periodicals: C. T. Bailey and A. E. Prim.

On Foreign Missions: W. P. Redwine and W. H. Hamner.

On State and Associational Missions: G. W. Smith, Sen., and S. W. Howerton.

On Church Letters and State of Religion: E. A. Kitchen and Samuel Beeker.

On Temperance: Ivy Sheets and William Bowers.

On Sabbath Schools: R. A. Moore and N. W. Beason.

On Arrangements: William Simeson, John Teague and A. R. Witherington.

On Religious Exercises: Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of Abbott's Creek Church.

A motion was made to appoint time and place of next meeting. Pending the motion the Association adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Elder Griffith.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Aug. 24th.

Religious services conducted by Elder H. A. Brown.

Moderator Reinhart called the Association to order and read 3d chapter of Philippians.

The report on State and Associational Missions was read by Brother Howerton; after which the Associational Missionary and Executive Board made their reports.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Our State Board has eight missionaries under regular appointment for full time, and nearly every Association in the State has its own Missionary operating under its own appointment, yet there are many places in the State that are destitute of Baptist preaching.

In our Association there is only one Baptist church to every one hundred square miles; so that there are necessarily many communities which have not the Gospel as we understand it.

Our churches can never exert their full measure of influence until destitute places are cultivated.

The success of last year as indicated by the report of your Executive Committeee, and the letters from the churches, silence every doubt as to the propriety and feasability of this work.

We do not know but the time has come when it is safe to recommend the appointment of a missionary for his full time.

We think it would do good to give to the work the idea of permanency, and hope that at an early day your Board will devise some plan by which Baptist literature can be placed in the hands of your missionary for distribution.

All else equal the nearest destitution has the strongest claim upon Christian beneficence, and if we can comprehend the cost at which the Gospel has been sent to us and our relation to our neighbor, we can measure our obligation to go forward.

G. W. SMITH, Sen.,
S. W. HOWERTON.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

TO THE EX. BOARD OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

DEAR BRETHREN—Since my appointment, September 29th, 1877, I have tried to keep in view the instructions you have given me, but have gone mainly to God for guidance, unto whom I felt my highest obligation.

During the first quarter I visited the churches to lay before the brethren your plans, urge co-operation and learn the wants of the field, its geography, and get suggestions from the older brethren and sisters. In the meantime I assisted in protracted meetings when called on, visited families, etc.

Owing to providential interruptions, I did not visit Pine Meeting House, Reed's X Roads, Muddy Creek and New Friendship. Owing to the extent of the field and my limited time, the many fears that the work would not continue long, I did not attempt to cultivate the whole field in a few weeks, but devoted my time to points that promised the greatest good in the shortest time.

I had suggested to me as important points, Waughtown, Bunker Hill, High Point, Welch's School House, Flint Hill, Piney Grove and Clodfelter's School House, and that I could reach them in a short time.

I have given Marion Church some attention since Brother Hamner discontinued his pastoral work there. I find it worthy of attention. Points near Union Factory, Silver Valley, Caraway, Plainfield, Poplar Spring, New Hope and Lookabill's School House are also inviting places for Baptist work.

In my family visits I learned many errors held by the people about Baptists; and here I can discuss these points to advantage. I meet some who think that Baptists hold that none are saved except those who are not immersed by a Baptist preacher; but if they are, they are all right, do what they may. Some think that the Christening of an infant gives birth to the soul; that taking the Lord's Supper is a means of pardon. I find many who never attend church from various causes. Many others are delighted to see the Missionary of the Cross; to hear him read, talk, sing and pray with them.

These services are often attended with rejoicing in the house. This part of the missionary work is very important. I think there have been about twenty-four professions during my work among them. This does not include professions in meetings held with other brethren.

I have preached at twenty points, besides churches which had pastors. I charged the Ex. Board with twenty-three weeks' work. Preached 193 times, held 14 prayer meetings, made 516 Christian family visits, Baptised 6 persons, administersd the Lord's supper twice, distributed 17 Bibles and 25 Testaments, besides a large number of good books and tracts.

The work is developing beautifully and growing in interest. We have one of the most inviting fields for missionary effort I ever saw.

Yours in Christ,
R. A. MOORE.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Liberty Association:

Dear Brethren—We, your Executive Board, beg leave to submit the following report: We met in Thomasville on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in September, 1877, and examined the letters of advice from a majority of the churches. We felt authorized to appoint Brother R. A. Moore, whom you elected as your missionary at your last session, to serve one-half of his time at a salary of $200, to be paid quarterly by the churches, with the privilege of raising what he could on the field, and apply $50 of said money to said salary as a supplement. He entered the field on the first of October and has distributed his time through the several months up to time. He has followed our few instructions to our satisfaction. Knowing that he was better acquainted with the field and its wants than we were, he could direct his movements to much better purpose and advantage than we. Judging from his reports to us, he has done well, and the work is well spoken of as far as we can hear from the field.

For statistics and facts, see Missionary's Report. We feel much encouraged from the prospects as presented to us to double our diligence in the good work. Our main discouragement arises from the lack of funds.

E. H. DAVIS,
Chairman Executive Board.

Pending the adoption, Brother Bailey said that it was a mistaken idea that all the missionary money was spent in towns; ninety-nine one-hundredths of missionary labor had been spent in the country. Baptist preachers have been spending some of their time in towns for the past 20 years. The State Mission Board, instead of getting part of the money contributed for missions, frequently make up the deficit from their own pockets or borrow from the banks. The Board has no personal interest in the matter. There are three hundred churches in North Carolina that do nothing for missions. One minister's family lived on very scanty rations for two months, while he was preaching to four churches, and one of those churches had five hundred members.

Brother Rominger was gratified at the prospects before us. He referred to the famine in China; said that our hearts were made to sorrow over their condition; said there was a great spiritual famine in our midst.

Brother Griffith said we ought to co-operate with the Board.

Brother Carrick had been listening to hear Lexington mentioned as a missionary point; thought it important to cultivate our fields at home first, then go abroad.

Brother Reinhart thought the outlook was bright; that we ought to press the missionary work of the Association; that we had just begun a grand and glorious work and ought to expect great results.

Brethren Morton and Lanier encouraged the work.

Report adopted.

Adjourned one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator Reinhart in the chair.

Report on Periodicals called for and read by Elder C. T. Bailey.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee respectfully report that the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is still vigorously prosecuting its one mission of upholding the great principles of Baptist churches and disseminating religous information among the people. Notwithstanding the hard times and the general depression of business, it continues its weekly visits to all parts of the State and to all families to which it receives an invitation. Its editors are earnestly engaged in an honest effort to extend its circulation to every Baptist church and every Baptist home in North Carolina. They believe that could this be done, every interest of Christ's kingdom would be advanced and the condition of our people greatly improved. They respectfully ask the pastors and leading laymen of the churches to aid them in this work.

We also recommend Kind Words of Macon, Ga., as a suitable paper for our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. PRIM,
C. T. BAILEY.

In the discussion of this report, Brother Bailey said that hard times have been ever since Noah came out of the ark. He supposed that Noah said when he came out of the ark it was hard times, and God's people have caught up the cry and continue to keep it up. The Recorder has never had at any time 3,500 subscribers. He thinks there ought to be many more out of the 157,000 Baptists in North Carolina.

Brother Griffith wonders that the Recorder is what is, when he considers the number of subscribers; thinks all who read it will be active, wide-awake Christians; urges the importance of taking and reading our denominational organ.

Report adopted.

The motion of yesterday to appoint time and place of next meeting was again taken up for consideration. After some remarks, it was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Liberty Church, seven miles South of Thomasville, to convene on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1879.

Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, was observed in the house and invited to take a seat, which he accepted.

The Report on Education was called for and read by Elder Thomas Carrick.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on the subject of education would first call the attention of the Association to the importance of the education of all the youths of our country. No parent has the right to deprive his child of at least a practical education. The boys and girls of to-day are to be the men and women of to-morrow, and should be thoroughly equipped to discharge the duties that shall soon rest upon them. We are glad to note from the statistics of the different schools, that notwithstanding the financial pressure upon the country the interest in education has been well kept up.

While we urge the education of all classes of men and women we would especially urge the importance of educating the rising ministry of our churches.

It was with deep regret that we noted so little interest shown in the church letters in this part of our work. We do not believe that education is the first qualification to the Gospel ministry, but we believe that when God calls one of his servants to preach his word that a course of mental training, both Collegiate and Theological, will aid him much in the discharge of his ministerial duties; hence we urge the importance of an educated ministry.

Wake Forest College is doing a noble work for the Baptists of North Carolina, and it is our duty to contribute to its support. We would, by no means, overlook or undervalue our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and hope that this Association will contribute liberally for its support, and that Brother Griffith may be permitted to clearly present its claims to this meeting.

For the education of young ladies we recommend our Colleges at Murfreesboro, Raleigh and Thomasville. But especially would we ask the attention of this section of our State to a favorable consideration of the Thomasville Female College, under the efficient supervision of Brother H. W. Reinhart, feeling that this institution, all things considered, is equal, if not superior, to any Female College in the State.

THOMAS CARRICK.
C. A. ROMINGER.

Prof. Mills asked if any town of note had ever produced a Baptist minister? He thought Baptist Churches would never make their pastors rich; said a Baptist congregation could tell within two-and-a-half cents what a minister was worth for twelve months. Remarks were made by Moderator Reinhart and Elder C. T. Bailey.

Report adopted.

Elder R. H. Griffith was invited to address the body early on Monday morning next, in regard to his work as agent.

The following appointments were made for Sabbath preaching: In the forenoon Elder H. A. Brown will preach in the house, and Elder R. H. Griffith at the stand. In the afternoon Elder C. T. Bailey will preach in the house and Elder Thomas Carrick at the stand.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Elder Moore.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: We are glad to report that the Sabbath School work has greatly improved in our bounds since the last meeting of our body, yet there is great room for improvement. We are gratified to see that some of our schools cultivate a spirit of giving to benevolence and studying the Scriptures, and the benefits accruing to the children so highly commend said schools to the old people, many of them have joined them. These are steps in the right direction. Every Christian should be engaged in a Sabbath School if possible, as an officer, teacher, pupil or praying spectator. Some of our churches are keeping up mission schools, which we highly commend as a means of doing good and extending usefulness.

Sabbath Schools of to-day cannot afford to do without Sunday School papers, tickets, reward cards, etc. We recommend Kind Words as a good paper. Reward matter is too abundant to mention, and a small expense for such matter to induce punctuality, good order, industry etc., will bring in return a large benefit to the family, church and community.

Respectfully,
R. A. MOORE,
N. W. BEASON.

After reading the report it was moved to postpone its consideration till to-morrow morning in Sabbath School mass-meeting.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder Griffith.

SUNDAY MORNING, August 25th.

A large and orderly congregation assembled at the stand to discuss the report on S. Schools. Interesting speeches were made by Elders Bailey and Moore and brethren Howerton and Rominger.

After the adjournment of Sunday School mass-meeting Elder Brown occupied the pulpit in the house. Text: Matt. 11 chap., 28 verse. Elder Griffith preached at the stand. Text: Acts 13 chap., 2 verse. In the afternoon Elder Bailey preached in the house from Revelation 22 chap., 11 verse. Elder Carrick preached at the stand. Text unknown.

MONDAY MORNING, August 26th.

Religious services conducted by Elder H. Morton.

On motion the report on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed one from each church composing the Association to nominate an Executive Board. After a short absence, they returned and reported the following brethren composing the Board, to-wit: E. H. Davis, W. P. Redwine, A. J. Owen, N. W. Beason and R. A. Wommack.

The report on Foreign Missions, was, by request, read by the Moderator.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The history of Missions most remarkably verifies the promise of the Master, "Lo I am with you." In every field of Missionary effort the way has been opened and the work most signally blessed, and now the converts to the Cross of Christ are counted by the thousands. Heathen temples are deserted, and Christian churches are being established in their place.

Our Missions in Rome, China and Africa have steadily progressed, while those in India have become self-sustaining, and are now sending the Gospel to other destitute nations.

In Rome we have just secured a splendid church, and the prospects are favorable in an eminent degree. The work in China has been somewhat impeded by the famine and the return of one or two of the workers to America; but even this terrible scourge of famine has, contrary to human expectation, been turned to the furtherance of the Gospel. Whole villages, convinced of the truth by the Christian zeal and charitable efforts of our missionaries to relieve their great distress, so strongly contrasted with the apathy of their own heathen friends and government, have renounced their heathen worship, and the way is thus more than ever opened to missionary effort. All the indications point to the fulfilment of the promise that "The heathen shall be given to Him for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession."

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. REDWINE,
W. H. HAMNER,
Committee.

Brother Bailey urged the necessity of activity on the part of the churches to sustain the brethren whom God has called to go to the heathen with the Gospel. He was followed by interesting remarks from brethren Griffith and Brown.

Report adopted.

Elder Griffith was invited by the Moderator to present his claims to this body, which he did in a clear and logical manner. After which he asked for subscriptions in behalf of the Seminary,

The report on Church Letters and State of Religion was called for and read by Brother Kitchen.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee to whom was referred the Church Letters and State of Religion, report with emotions of pleasure: The year past has been one of experiment to some. Suggestions made a year ago have been acted upon with cheering results. The church letters, with but few exceptions, indicate healthfulness. Glorious results have followed the efforts put forth. A spirit of revival seems to have prevailed. Most of the churches have manifestly been prayerfully at work, and the Master has graciously owned and blessed the offering.

We find by reference to the letters 69 baptisms during the year, showing an increase of 25 over the previous year.

One of the healthful indications appears in that the churches seem to be aroused to the necessity of a more careful discipline. The garden of the Lord should be kept clean of noxious weeds.

The apostolic injunction is to "withdraw from every one that walketh disorderly." Another manifestation of healthfulness is that of increased liberality for the cause of God. To "give" is a command as binding as any command in the Bible. "Give and it shall be given unto you," good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will the Lord give into your treasuries.

All of the churches save one (Summerville) report not only something done in the past, but some pledge for the future.

Brethren, your committee feel that this is right. A great and noble work is before us. "The harvest is white." The time is short. There is a work for every church and every member in that church. None so poor they cannot give something. None so feeble they cannot pray. There is still need for increased, watchful and prayerful labor.

A. E. KITCHEN,
SAMUEL BEEKER.

In view of the short time to finish the business, this very excellent report was adopted without remarks.

The report on Temperance was called for and read by Brother Sheets.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, appointed to write on Temperance, regret that they are unable to give the subject the notice its importance demands. They believe that intemperance is a great curse in the land, and that there is by far too much intoxicating liquors used by church members; and they furthermore believe that one of the greatest reasons why the churches are not enjoying more of God's grace is, on account of some of the members being engaged either in the sale or manufacture of spirituous liquors.

It is believed that all who are thus engaged should be asked to refrain, and if they refuse, then they should be disciplined.

We earnestly beg the brethren to do away with intemperance and walk soberly and uprightly before the world, so that others seeing your good works may glorify your father which art in heaven.

Respectfully,
IVY SHEETS,
WM. BOWERS.

Brother Turner said he knew ministers who use liquor as a beverage. Knew ministers who would make temperance speeches and then go home and drink liquor. No minister can drink liquor as a beverage and maintain his standing in society; cannot wield the amount of influence that he might otherwise do. What is the difference between the man who drinks too much liquor and the man who puts it in his way?

Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial Support was read by Elder Morton.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Since it has pleased the Lord to save those that believe by the foolishness of preaching, we therefore conceive it to be our indispensable duty to support the Gospel ministry, because, upon its success, depends our eternal destiny; yea, the destiny of nations. God has ordained that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. Therefore let us loose their hands that they may give themselves wholly to the work, and that with cheerfulness. Too many of our brethren feel that to support the Gospel is only an act of charity and not of debt. Brethren, we do not feel the vital importance of this momentous subject. God help us to feel our responsibility to God and man.

H. MORTON,
M. J. LEACH,
Committee.

This report was also adopted without remarks.

The following is the report of the Executive Board:

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH, August 26th, 1878.

Your committee met according to order of your honorable body. After the election of Brother E. H. Daivis, Chairman, and Brother R. A. Wommack, Treasurer and Secretary, the following was the result: Brother Henry Sheets has been selected as missionary to serve one-half of his time in the bounds of this Association. Brother Sheets agrees to give one-half of his time to this work, for the sum of two hundred ($200) dollars, to be paid quarterly. He further agrees that all collections and contributions received by him on the field to be credited as part of salary. The work to commence from this Association. Your committee adjourn to meet with the church at Thomasville on Saturday before the third Sunday in November.

Respectfully,
E. H. DAVIS, Chairman.
R. A. WOMMACK, Secretary and Treasurer.

Correspondents to sister Associations called on to report. But one or two of the brethren attended; the rest were excused.

On motion, any brother of this Association attending any sister Association, may regard himself as a correspondent.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: R. A. Moore, H. Sheets, R. A. Wommack, H. Morton, Samuel Beeker, W. P. Redwine, G. W. Smith, Sen., W. H. Hamner, J. M. Stoner, together with himself.

Resolved, That this body ask all the churches composing this Association, to report at next meeting all that they pay their pastor as salary, the payment of brethren assisting in meetings, mission or any object of benevolence.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes; that he have 500 copies printed, and that he be allowed $6.00 for his services.

Elder R. A. Moore offered the following:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends about Abbott's Creek who have afforded such ample hospitalities during the session.

The labors of the body having ended, adjourned to time and place appointed.

H. W. REINHART, MODERATOR.
HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Committee on Finance last year, for minute fund		$23.34
From former Treasurer,		2.25
		$25.59
Paid for printing minutes	$20.00	
Clerk's fee	6.00	
By Postage	45	
	$26.45	
By overpaid by Treasurer		86

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk and Treasurer.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

B. Lanier,	Level Plain,	North Carolina.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	“ “
Wm. H Hamner,	Thomasville,	“ “
H. Morton,	Milledgeville,	“ “
S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill,	“ “
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	“ “
A. P. Stoker,	Jackson Hill,	“ “
W. N. Thayer,	Saunder's Hill,	“ “
J. B. Richardson.	High Point,	“ “
R. A. Moore,	Thomasville,	“ “
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	“ “

LICENTIATES:

W. S. Adderotn,	Jackson Hill,	North Carolina.
H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasvile,	“ “

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Printing Minutes.	Conntributions of Sunday Schools.
Muddy Creek........				$ 3.49	$1.15	$5.00
New Friendship*....	$1.50	$1.00	$3.00	20.00	3.63	5.00
Abbott's Creek......				20.00	2.50	
High Point...........		5.00		12.36	1.00	
Thomasville..........			11.53	25.00	1.60	
Pine M. House......		.30	2 43	16.00	1.25	
Jersey Settlement*				6.00	3.55	
Reed's X Roads.....				10.00	1.75	
Marion				7.26	.75	
Liberty.................				16.28	1.10	
Holloway's...........		5.00	6.78	11.15	2.00	11.00
Lick Creek...........				14.00	2.00	
Big Creek.............			3.90	16.00	1.30	
Tom's Creek.........	.50	.85	3.00	13.55	1.20	1.50
Pierce's Chapel......				6.50	1.00	
Summerville					.80	
Total.............	$2.00	$12.15	$30.64	$197.59	$26.58	$22.50

*In addition to the above New Friendship contributed $1.25 to Rome Chapel, and Jersey Settlement $8.40 to Orphan Asylum.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1878.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'sed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Colered Members.	Total Membership.	Church Meetihgs.	No. of S. School Scholars.
Muddy Creek......	P. Oliver............	J. E. Craven......	6	1	1	1	1	2	27	57		84	1	54
New Friendship...	Wm. Turner........	Not known........	14			27	1	2	31	67		98	1	56
Abbott's Creek....	Wm. Turner........	John Teague....	1	1		2		1	36	74	7	117	3	
High Point.........	Sup. by Missionary	A. C. Jones	6		4	2		1	12	34	4	50	4	20
Thomasville........	J. B. Richardson...	S. W. Howerton	1	2	1				12	27		39	3	50
Pine M. House....	H. Morton...........	L. F. Barnes.....	3			3	1		32	47		79	4	
Jersey Settlement	Wm. Turner........	G. W. Palmer...				5	2	1	62	76	32	170	2	
Reed's X Roads...	John Redwine......	J. H. Owen........		1		2	4	1	35	50		85	2	
Marion	Sup. by Missionary	R. S. Green.....	1			1			10	10	1	21	3	
Liberty...............	R. A. Moore........	Wm Bowers......	11	1	1		7	1	36	60	5	101	3	85
Holloway's.........	Henry Sheets.......	J I Stoner........	24	2		3	3	3	38	97		135	3	200
Lick Creek.........	U. F. Haithcock....	W P Redwine...		2		2		2	37	70	3	110	4	47
Big Creek...........	H. Morton...........	A. L. Henderson		1			2		18	40		58	2	35
Tom's Creek.......	U. F. Haithcock....	Branson Sheets..					1	1	16	22	1	39	2	40
Pierce's Chapel...	B. Lanier............	John H Pierce...				3		1				46	3	
Summerville	A. P. Stoker.........	J R Doby........	2				3		9	35		44	1	
			69	11	7	51	25	16	411	766	53	1276	...	587

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PROCEEDINGS.

LIBERTY CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 22d, 1879.

In the absence of Elder William Turner, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. Hatcher, from 10th chapter of Romans, 17th, 13th, 9th and 10th verses. After an intermission of one hour the Association was called to order by Prof. H. W. Reinhart, the Moderator, by reading part of 2d chapter of Philippians, and singing hymn 483, B. H. Book. Prayer by S. W. Howerton.

The letters from the different churches were called for and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Muddy Creek: Thomas J. Craver, Jacob Cornish,* and D. Cooper.*

New Friendship: R. A. Wommack, D. Bailey and S. A. Hege.

Abbott's Creek: William Clinard, John Teague and N. W. Beason.

High Point: A. C. Jones, A. A. Gordan and J. B. Richardson.

Thomasville: H. W. Reinhart, S. W. Howerton and C. H. Sugg.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Pine Meeting House; John Barnes,* W. H. Simeson and D. W. Barnes.

Jersey Settlement: G. F. Smith, Sr., J. W. Smith and David Smith.

Reed's X-Roads: Michael Leonard, J. N. Craver and J. M. Foster.

Marion: Peter Lopp, Joseph Hamner and R. S. Green.

Liberty: Benjamin Lanier, Jr., J. Copple and S. S. Lambeth.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Holloway's: D. H. Miller, Jonathan Fine and James I. Stoner.

Lick Creek: Joseph C. Bean, W. P. Redwine and Henry G. Crook.

Big Creek: A. L. Henderson, M. J. Leach and D. H. Coggin.

Tom's Creek: Sampson Newsom, John Gibson and William T. Kearns.

Pierce's Chapel: Farley Cody, John H. Pierce and Thomas Lambeth.

Summerville: Robert Tysinger, John Bean and W. N. Kinney.*

Those names marked thus * were noted as absentees.

The association then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Prof. H. W. Reinhart was elected Moderator, and Elder Henry Sheets Clerk.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren and ministers to report. Elder H. Hatcher reported that he was glad to be with us and would present the claims of the Recorder at the proper time; also Elder A. E. Kitchen, from the Beaulah, who were welcomed to seats by the Moderator. An opportunity was then given to any church that desired admittance into this body.

The body then proceeded to the appointment of committees:

ON FINANCE: William Clinard and Joseph Hamner.

EDUCATION: S. W. Howerton and Joseph C. Bean.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT: A. E. Kitchen and W. P. Redwine.

PERIODICALS: Elder H. Hatcher and S. S. Lambeth.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Elder J. B. Richardson and D. Smith.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS: R. A. Wommack and G. F. Smith, Sr.

CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION: N. W. Beason and Henry G. Crook.

TEMPERANCE: Elder W. H. Hamner and J. I. Stoner.

SABBATH SCHOOLS: John Teague and John Summey.

Arrangements: A. C. Jones, R. S. Green and D. Bailey.

Religious Exercises: Pastor, Deacons and delegates of Liberty Church.

On motion, it was appointed to hold the next session of this body with Holloway's Church, 10 miles South of Lexington, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1880.

Elder J. B. Richardson was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. H. Hamner his alternate.

Elder J. B. Richardson attended the Beaulah—reported an interesting and working body.

Prof. Reinhart attended the Yadkin; found the brethren heartily engaged in the Master's cause.

Elder H. Sheets attended the Rocky River; reported nothing of special interest.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention were called on to report. Brethren H. W. Reinhart, H. Sheets and R. A. Moore attended; reported progress in efforts to spread the Gospel.

The following brethren were appointed as correspondents to sister associations:

To Beaulah: John Teague, H. Sheets, H. W. Reinhart, W. H. Hamner and S. W. Howerton.

To South Yadkin: R. A. Wommack, and G. F. Smith, Sr.

To Yadkin: John Teague and H. W. Reinhart.

To Rocky River: Henry Sheets, H. Morton and W. P. Redwine.

To Pee Dee and Brown Creek: H. W. Reinhart.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to Baptist State Convention: H. W. Reinhart, G. F. Smith, Sr., David Smith, John Teague, S. W. Howerton, W. P. Redwine and R. A. Wommack.

The Treasurer's Report was then called for.

REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee for year 1878		$50 24
Public collection at Association for minutes		1 05
		$51 29
Paid Elder C. T. Bailey for Foreign Missions	$17 52	
State Missions	6 15	
By balance due on last year's account	86	
Clerk's fee	6 00	
Education	50	
Printing and mailing minutes	18 41	
Postage for distribution of minutes	80	
	$50 24	$50 24
Cash on hand		$1 05

Respectfully,

HENRY SHEETS, Treasurer.

Committee on Arrangements called on to report.

REPORT.

1—On Finance.
2—On Education.
3—On Ministerial Support.
4—On Periodicals.
5—On Foreign Missions.
6—On State and Associational Missions.
7—On Church Letters and State of Religion.
8—On Temperance.
9—On Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. JONES,
R. S. GREEN,
D. BAILEY,
Committe.

Adopted.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Richardson.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 23d, 1879.

Religious exercises for one-half hour, conducted by Elder Kitchen.

The Moderator extended an invitation to seats to any visiting brother who was not present yesterday. Elder Thomas Carrick, from the Tar River and brethren T. J. Bostick and Charlie Coble, from the Sandy Creek, accepted seats.

Brother Howerton read the report on education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is receiving increased attention, and its importance is beginning to be recognized by all. As Baptists, we cannot, we must not, be indifferent to the universal clamor for an educated ministry. Truth should have at least an even start with error. We rejoice that Wake Forest College is extending its capacity and preparing for greater usefulness. Our own—Thomasville Female College—is doubling its buildings to accommodate its growing patronage and well-earned prosperity.

With universal satisfaction and pride we recommend these institutions to those seeking thorough education. We cannot refuse to embrace these facilities to prepare our children for high and influential positions in this life without injustice to them. He who willfully neglects the proper education of his children is guilty of a wrong against his children, society and God.

JOSEPH C. BEAN,
S. W. HOWERTON,
Committee.

Entertaining and instructive remarks were offered by brethren Howerton, Reinhart and Hatcher.

Report adopted.

The Finance Committee offered their report, which was adopted. The contents of this report are embodied in the table of contributions for the years 1878-'79.

The Report on Ministerial Support was read by Elder Kitchen.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren:--Your committee on Ministerial Support take for granted that every member of this association admits the Divine plan to be the best. "They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." We enquire then if this plan is being carried out. We fear it is not. Too many of the Lord's laborers are receiving but a stinted support. Some are compelled to spend a large portion of their time in some secular employment. Their minds are thus embarrassed with worldly things, instead of being fully employed in the study and preaching of the word. Thus plainly the work is greatly hindered. On the other hand the churches and the individual members, the almoners of God's bounty in the churches are not doing their whole duty. Too often the burden of the work is left on the shoulders of a few willing brethren, while a majority in some of our churches are doing absolutely nothing to aid in the work of supporting God's appointed living minister.

Is not this a source of weakness and leanness in our churches, while the work of preaching the Gospel according to the Savior's plan is greatly hindered? Every member should help in this work, according to their ability. The apostolic injunction should not be forgotten or disobeyed, "Let every one of you on the first day of the week lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered him."

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. KITCHEN.
W. P. REDWINE,
Committee.

After interesting remarks by Elder Hatcher, the report was adopted.

The Report on Periodicals was called for and read by Elder Hatcher.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would report that the Biblical Recorder, the Baptist organ of the State, is sound in the faith and able in the defence of our principles. It is the medium of communication among us as a people, and is worthy of a place in every Baptist family. We call especial attention to the expositions of the Sabbath School lessons—the farmer's and children's departments found in it, either of which is worth the cost of the paper. It also contains the general news of the day, and one needs only to read it to keep abreast of the times. Its subscription price is brought within the reach of all, and we urge the members of all our churches to read it.

Your committee also believe that if it was read by all our brethren it would increase their intelligence, quicken their zeal, enhnace their efficiency, and enable the editors to improve it and increase its power for good.

We also commend "Kind Words" of Macon, Ga., to our Sabbath Schools.

H. HATCHER.
S. S. LAMBETH.

Stirring speeches were made in behalf of the Recorder by brethren Hatcher and Richardson.

Adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Foreign Missions called for and read by Elder J. B. Richardson.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus said, (John 14:15) "If ye love me keep my commandments," and again (John 14:23) "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Brethren, let us consider the following commandments and words of our Lord: "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase." "To do good and to communicate forget not," "Freely ye have received, freely give." "As ye have received the gift, even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The spirit of these words is the spirit of missions. To obey them is to labor for the world's greatest necessity. Three-fourths of the earth's population, more than one can number in a life of three score years, counting one every second, nights excepted, are without the greatest of blessings—the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. Fidelity to our trust demands a life in obedience to them. Self-regard for our own spiritual vigor, as individuals and as churches, require it. And when we come up to our duty of giving the heathen the Gospel then will our walk be close with God, and our churches will go forth in the "power of his might." To the extent we neglect Foreign Missions will Christianity be retarded at home, and in our hearts.

As we forget them in our efforts, so we fail of the Redeemer's glory, and prove ourselves his unfaithful followers. Never with more force and urgency comes the voice of the apocalyptic angel (Rev. 14:15) crying, "Thrust in thy sickle and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe." All things are ready; the doors to all heathen nations are open. The preliminary work is done. Commerce, science, art and the press, with all necessary means are at our command, and how can we stand idle while China, Japan, South America, with all the isles of the great waters, are calling for the light and liberty of our blessed religion! For information as to number of Foreign Missionaries, their fields of labor and their success, we refer you to the Foreign Mission Journal, published monthly, for fifty cents per year, by Dr. H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va., and would recommend that it be taken and widely circulated among our churches.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
DAVID SMITH,
Committee.

Instructive remarks were made by Brother Richardson, in which he urged that our state of Christian prosperity at home depends largely on the interest we took in the Foreign Mission work. He also gave an outline of the rise and progress of Foreign Missions among the Baptists. Remarks were also offered by Elder Carrick.

Report adopted.

On motion, the report on Church Letters and State of Religion was called for, and read by brother N. W. Beason.

REPORT.

Dear Brethren :—Your committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, find that 65 were received by Baptism through the past year, but, notwithstanding a decrease in Baptism in the past year from 1868 we are not discouraged, for God is of long suffering and forbearance toward his people, and we have high hope that the word preached through the year will be as "bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered many days hence." Your committee do not wish to impose upon those that leave their homes and travel up and down and labor night and day in the Master's cause, preaching the Word as they are commanded to do to every creature; but we feel and are confident that they will not be allowed to suffer if they labor in spirit and in truth, and that there are so many waste places—high-ways and hedges that the Lord's spirit is wanted, we would encourage more laborers to volunteer to go out and persuade them into the feast.

Brethren, the Scriptures enjoin secret prayer unto the great Spirit, and that we shall be rewarded openly. We fear that there has been a neglect of secret prayer with our churches, which your committee is persuaded to believe to be one of the causes of decrease. Then, brethren, let us altogether with all of the members of all the churches, be more diligent in secret prayer and leave the matter with God, whose promises are sure.

N. W. BEASON,
H. G. CROOK.

Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was called for and read.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance would report that it requires but a limited observation to convince us that intemperance is the curse of our land, and is not alone in our churches. It stands in the Bible as one among the greatest sins; and is to be excluded from the kingdom of heaven. Let this Association speak out in no uncertain terms and call upon the brethren to abstain from the use of that which ever blights our hopes in time and eternity.

W. H. HAMNER,
J. I. STONER,
Committee.

Solid and effective speeches against the use of intoxicating liquors were made by Elder Hatcher and brethren William Clinard and John Teague.

Report adopted.

Elder William H. Hamner was sent to the stand to preach.

The report on State and Associational Missions, together with the reports of the Executive Board and the Missionary were read.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee, not thoroughly conversant with the workings of our State Board, therefore cannot give anything definite. We regret to report a falling off of contributions to the State Board from this association. We cannot account for this unless it be from the fact of our State Board ignoring the country and giving its support to the towns.

As to our associational missions we can say that the Churches have made fair contributions, and that a Missionary has been in the field nearly half of his time and much good has been accomplished. Yet there is a vast field within the Association which should be cultivated. And your committee would recommend that every effort should be made by the churches of this association to keep a missionary in the field all the time.

G. F. SMITH, Sr.,
R. A. WOMMACK,
Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board beg to report that they have employed Brother Henry Sheets 18 5-7 weeks during the past associational year, and in the opinion of your Board much good has been accomplished. As to this we refer you to Brother Sheets' report as missionary.

Your Board has secured from the churches $160.43. Paid Brother Sheets $155.90, leaving a balance on hand of $4.53.

R. A. WOMMACK, Secretary and Treasurer.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

To the Executive Board:

Dear Brethren—I have completed my labors assigned me by you as best I could.

I found much destitution within our bounds—found many who were anxious to have Baptist preaching. The field is really encouraging—it is white unto harvest. I have rendered 18 5-7 weeks of missionary labor. I have baptized 13, restored 1, preached 110 sermons, administered the Lord's Supper 1, attended 12 prayer meetings, supplied 2 churches part of the time, made 205 religious family visits, Recorders taken on field, 7. I have distributed above two hundred religious books, including Bibles, Testaments, music books and Baptist literature generally. I have also distributed about 1,000 pages of religious tracts.

I hereby submit this report, praying the blessings of God upon my humble efforts as Missionary of our association.

HENRY SHEETS.

Remarks were made upon the reports by Brethren Sheets, Reinhart and Richardson.

A collection was taken up to help defray the expenses of building a new Baptist church at Union Factory, amounting to $33.50 in cash pledges.

Reports adopted.

It was appointed that Brother Carrick preach to-night.

The Moderator appointed one delegate from each church in the association, whose business it was to appoint five brethren who were to compose the Executive Board for the next associational year. After a short absence they returned and reported the following brethren composing the Board, to-wit: R. A. Wommack, G. F. Smith, Sr., Benjamin Lanier, Jr., S. W. Howerton and W. P. Redwine. It was the request of this body that each church in the association appoint one brother and sister in their respective churches to collect and forward funds to Executive Board.

The report on Sabbath schools was called for and read.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No one who admits that God's word should be studied can raise any valid objection to Sabbath Schools. If we learn what God has revealed it must be done by the study of His truth. The great advantage of a Sabbath school is, that there we not only use our own talents in searching the Scriptures, but we get the advantage of a mutual study. Children are to be gathered together and taught God's Word on God's Holy day, but the Sabbath school is not for children only, but for all persons, both old and young, males and females. Let every church have a Sabbath school in which all shall be found engaged in the study of God's word.

JOHN TEAGUE,
JOHN SUMMEY,
Committee.

This report was adopted; and by vote of the body is to be discussed in mass-meeting to-morrow morning.

The Executive Board agreed to hold their first meeting with Jersey church, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October.

It was ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of minutes printed, and that he be allowed $6.00 for his services.

Elder Richardson offered the following: Moved, that the thanks of this association be tendered to the friends and citizens of this neighborhood for their unbounded hospitality to us; and also to the officers of this association for their faithful services.

The work of the body having been completed, it adjourned, after singing the doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The benediction was pronounced by Elder Carrick.

H. W. REINHART, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

SABBATH MORNING, August 24th, 1879.

The Moderator called the house to order to engage in Sabbath school mass-meeting. Speeches were made by brethren Teague, Sheets, Hamner, Prim, Richardson and Hatcher. After a short intermission Elder H. Hatcher preached in the house to an unusually large congregation, and Elder J. B. Richardson to a large audience at the stand. Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was no preaching in the afternoon.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	N. C.
William Turner,	Salem,	"
William H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	"
S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill,	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	"
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	"
W. N. Thayer,	Sander's Hill,	"
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	"
R. A. Moore,	Thomasville,	"
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	"

LICENTIATES.

W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	N. C.
H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	"

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1878-'79.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Printing Minutes.	Paid ministers for aid in protracted meetings.	Incidental expenses and repairs on Church.
Muddy Creek.........				$ 1 50	$ 65	$	$
New Friendship......				15 00	3 15		
Abbott's Creek*.....			50	15 00	2 50		
High Point............				8 00	1 15		
Thomasville...........			10 00	25 00	1 00		40 00
Pine M. House.......				4 70	2 05		
Jersey Settlement...		5 00		12 00	2 75	13 00	10 00
Reed's X Roads.......				12 00	2 10		
Marion...................				6 00	50		
Liberty...................			75	9 56	2 00	7 55	40 00
Holloway's.....			10 22	15 00	2 00	33 00	
Lick Creek............				10 40	1 60		
Big Creek.............			1 75	10 00	1 35		
Tom's Creek..........	1 00	1 00	1 75	10 00	75	8 00	
Pierce's Chapel......					1 00		
Summerville..........					1 00		
Total..............	1 00	6 00	24 97	154 16	25 55	64 55	90 00

*Abbott's Creek paid Twenty-five Cents for Orphan Asylum.

NOTE.—The above Table of Contributions may not be strictly correct. I did the best I could with the data at hand to give each Church credit for what it had done. It is much to be desired that the Clerks in writing the Associational Letter give a fuller statement of everything done by each Church, together with number of Sunday School Scholars.

CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1879.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptised.	Re'cd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored Members.	Total Membership.	Church Meetings.	No. of Sunday School Scholars.
Muddy Creek......	Wm. G. Brown..	Jas. E. Craver......	2		1	3			22	55		77	2	45
New Friendship...	Wm. Turner......	W. Turner, pro tem	8		3			1	32	68		100	1	56
Abbott's Creek...	Wm. Turner......	John Teague........		2	2			2	32	74	7	113	3	
High Point.........	No Pastor.........	A. C. Jones.........	7						15	38	4	57	4	18
Thomasville........	J. B. Richardson	S. W. Howerton....	4	2	2				13	30		43	3	50
Pine M. House....	Wm. Turner......	L. F. Barnes.........			2			1	30	46		76	5	
Jersey Settlement	Wm. Turner......	G. W. Palmer.......	2		4	5		1	57	73	32	162	2	
Reed's X Roads...	John Redwine....	L. P. Craver.........						1	32	51		83	2	
Marion..............	No Pastor.........	R. S. Greene........	14				1		15	19	1	35	2	
Liberty..............	Henry Sheets....	Wm. Bowers.........	9			2			37	64	7	108	2	80
Holloway's.........	Henry Sheets.....	Jas. I. Stoner.......	10	3	1	2			44	105		149	3	75
Lick Creek.........	U. F. Haithcock.	W. P. Redwine......	1					2	37	73	3	113	4	
Big Creek..........	H. Morton........	A. L. Henderson....	3		4	1			15	40		55	2	50
Tom's Creek.......	U. F. Haithcock.	Branson Sheets......	2			1			17	22	1	40	2	30
Pierce's Chapel...	Benj. Lanier.......	John H. Pierce......				2		1				32	3	
Summerville.......	A. P. Stoker.......	J. R. Doby...........	4						11	37		48	1	
		Total.......	66	7	19	16	1	9	409	795	55	1291	...	404

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

LIBERTY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT—

Holloway's, Davidson County, N. C.,

AUGUST 20th, 21st and 23rd, 1880.

PROF. H. W. REINHART, MODERATOR, THOMASVILLE, N. C.
ELDER HENRY SHEETS, CLERK, SALEM CHURCH, N. C.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

Benjamin Lanier, Sr.,	Level Plain,	North Carolina.
William Turner,	Salem,	“ “
William H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	“ “
H. Morton,	Bilesville,	“ “
S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill,	“ “
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	“ “
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	“ “
W. N. Thayer,	Saunder's Hill,	“ “
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	“ “
R. A. Moore,	Thomasville,	“ “
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	“ “

LICENTIATES.

W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	“ “
H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	“ “
D. C. Culbreth,	Haanersville,	“ “

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H. W. Reinhart, Wm. Turner, G. F. Smith, Sr., James Smith, A. C. Jones.

CO-OPERATIVE COMMITTEE.

Abbott's Creek.	N. W. Beeson,	Abbott's Creek,	N. C.
New Friendship,	R. A. Wommack,	Clemmonsville,	“
Muddy Creek,	James Craver,	Clemmonsville,	“
High Point,	J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	“
Thomasville,	A. R. Witherington,	Thomasville,	“
Pine M. House,	John Barnes,	Lexington,	“
Jersey,	George W. Palmer,	Linwood,	“
Reed's X Roads,	A. R. Craver,	Lexington,	“
Marion,	R. S. Green,	Lexington,	“
Liberty,	D. C. Culbreth,	Hannersville,	“
Holloways,	D. H. Cross,	Silver Hill,	“
Lick Creek,	W. P. Redwine,	Healing Springs,	“
Big Creek,	M. J. Leach,	Lassiter's Mills,	“
Tom's Creek,	John A. Stoker,	Denton,	“
Pierce's Chapel,	Thomas Lambeth,	Jackson's Creek,	“
Summerville,	Robert Tysinger,	Denton,	“

PROCEEDINGS.

HOLLOWAY'S CHURCH, Davidson County, N. C., August 20th, 1880.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Liberty Association assembled with this church, at 12 o'clock, M. The Introductory Sermon was, by request, preached by Elder S. F. Conrad. Text, 2nd Corinthians, 8th chapter and 7th verse: "See that ye abound in this grace also."

Recess of one hour.

Religious exercises conducted by Dr. T. H. Pritchard.. Sung, "Am I a soldier of the cross;" and read 52nd chapter of Isaiah.

The Moderator announced the body ready for business. The list of churches was then called and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

ABBOTT'S CREEK—N. W. Beeson, Wm. Hedgecock and T. R. Bodenhammer.

BIG CREEK—Joel Henderson.

HIGH POINT—A. C. Jones, A. A. Gordon and Branson Harris.

HOLLOWAY'S—A. McClenney, A. E. Prim and John F. Peters.

JERSEY—Joseph Roach, W. F. Miller and B. L. Hunt.

LIBERTY—J. A. Summey, Joshua Copple and B. F. Copple.

LICK CREEK—J. H. Daniel, Richard Bean and George Park.

MARION—Peter Lopp, John L. Leonard and I. L. Lopp.

MUDDY CREEK—William Doty.

NEW FRIENDSHIP—E. J. Hine.

PIERCE'S CHAPEL—Farley Cody.

PINE MEETING HOUSE—W. H. Simeson, L. F. Barnes and Wilson Grubb.

REED'S CROSS ROADS—R. B. Myres, J. A. Craver and A. C. Wood.

SUMMERVILLE—John Grier and Milas Carrick.

THOMASVILLE—H. W. Reinhart, S. W. Howerton and Wm. H. Hamner.

TOM'S CREEK—W. S. Adderton, A. J. Buie, and John A. Stoker.

On motion of Elder Wm. Turner, Prof. H. W. Reinhart was re-elected Moderator and Elder Henry Sheets Clerk.

On taking his seat the Moderator made some very appropriate remarks, encouraging christian people to still greater efforts in the work of the Master.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren and corresponding messengers. Elder Thomas Carrick, from the Tar River Association; Elder T. H. Pritchard, D. D., corresponding messenger from the Central Association, and President of Wake Forest College; Eld. J. F. Hodge, from the Rocky River; Elder T. Harrison, Agent Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention; Elders S. F. Conrad, J. B. Boone, Prof. C. A. Rominger and Bro. F. P. Ratts from the South Yadkin; Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest, from Central Association, and Elder H. Hatcher, Corresponding Editor of Biblical Recorder, reported themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator to seats in the body.

An invitation was given to newly constituted churches that desired connection with this body.

On motion, the arrangements of last year were adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON FINANCE—A. C. Jones N. W. Beeson and A. E. Prim.

" EDUCATION—Prof. C. E. Taylor and Elder Wm. H. Hamner.

" MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Elder S. F. Conrad and Joseph Roach.

" PERIODICALS—Elder H. Hatcher and R. B. Myres.

" FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elder T. Harrison and D. C. Culbreth.

" STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—Elder J. B. Boone, G. F. Smith, Sr., and S. W. Howerton.

On CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION—Elder Wm. Turner and W. H. Simeson.

On TEMPERANCE—Elder H. Morton and George Park.

On RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of Holloway's Church.

It Was agreed to meet at 9 o'clock for religious services, adjourn at 12, meet at 1 and adjourn at will.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by C. E. Taylor.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock, August 21st.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved ; also the Constitution and By-laws were read. It was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Jersey Church, one mile south of Linwood, to convene on Thursday (at 11 o'clock) before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1881. (See proceedings of Monday in regard to time of meeting). Elder Henry Sheets to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder H. Morton, alternate.

The Moderator appointed Elders Wm. Turner, H. Morton and J. B. Richardson a nominating committee to name the Executive Board for the next year ; and if in their judgment they deemed it necessary, to appoint one brother in each church of this Association as a co-operative committee.

It was ordered that the Clerk append the Constitution and By-laws of this Association to the minutes, and that in the distribution of the minutes, he retain two dozen for use at the next meeting of this body.

A motion prevailed, to change the regular order of business in order to allow the Committee on Church Letters and State of Religion, to make ther report. The report was read by Elder Turner.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee are of the opinion that the present general wording of church letters is stale and a waste of time without profit ; that all that is necessary is the names of delegates, with statistics and contributions for benevolent purposes with Sunday School interest. It might be well for the Association to consider whether or not, that money contributed by the churches and congregations for keeping up public worship with themselves is benevolence. There are some indications of spiritual life. Associational and State Missions, Sunday Schools and Orphan Asylum, have received some attention, while the Educational and Foreign Mission work, seem to have received attention by but few of the churches. It might be well to consider the following query: What should be done with members, who can, but do not but seldom attend their meeting, and never contribute in defraying the expenses of the church or to general benevolence?

WM. TURNER,
W. H. SIMESON.

The subject was ably discussed by Elders Conrad, Taylor and Richardson. Adopted.

The report on Education came up, and was read by Prof. Taylor, of Wake Forest College.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our College at Wake Forest is in a hopeful and prosperous condition. The last catalogue shows the names of 171 students. The course of study is ample and thorough. The corps of instructors embrace 7 professors and a tutor. Two commodious and handsome buildings have recently been erected. The College is commended to the patronage of those having sons or wards within the bounds of the Liberty Association.

Our Female College at Thomasville is in an] increasingly prosperous condition. Within the last year the accommodations have been doubled. There is an efficient corps of 8 teachers. Having been placed by Providence within our borders, it is strongly recommended to the patronage of this Association. The High School of Messrs. Rominger and Philips, at Fork Church, is doing a good and extended work, and gives thorough preparation for each of the above schools, or for business.

During the last year 30 young Baptist preachers were students at Wake Forest College. Of this number 12 received aid from the Board of Education. More than this number are now applying for assistance, and it is hereby recommended that this Association seek to raise half of the support of a beneficiary during the next year.

C. E. TAYLOR,
WM. H. HAMNER.

A lengthy and instructive speech was delivered by Dr. Pritchard. The hour for adjournment having arrived the rules were suspended in order to allow Prof. Taylor time to speak. At the close of his speech, he took a collection for one half of the support of a beneficiary as recommended in the report. The amount asked was $60.00.

The following amounts were pledged:

Thomasville Female College	$12 00
Thomasville Church	10 00
Abbott's Creek	5 00
Pine Meeting House	2 50
Jersey	10 00
Holloway's	5 00
Liberty	5 00
Lick Creek	5 00
Big Creek	2 50
Public collection in cash	5 30
Total	$62 30

Recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder Turner.

Elder A. G. Calloway reported himself as a corresponding messenger from Rocky River Association, and was cordially received.

The report on Education being before the body for discussion, speeches were made by Elder Turner, and Profrs. Reinhart and Rominger. Adopted.

The report on Ministerial Support was presented by Elder Conrad.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The ministerial office in the gospel dispensation is derived directly from God, and is not confined to any rank, grade or condition of men, as we see illustrated in the call and conversion of the Apostle Paul. This office, while differing in character and work from that of the Jewish Presthood, also differs from that of the priesthood in the manner in which it is to be sustained. The priests all received the same support, while the ministry are to be supported according to the circumstances and character of the work performed. It is the opinion of your committee that many of our people do not properly value the labors of the ministry, and fall far short of giving them the support which their office and labors demand.

We therefore recommend that the pastors of the churches preach at least one sermon during the year upon the subject of ministerial support, and that they distribute tracts among their people fitted to enlighten them on the subject. Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,
JOSEPH ROACH.

Remarks calculated to arouse people to a sense of their duty in respect to this duty, were made by Elders Conrad and Hatcher. Report adopted.

The Moderator having business at the College which called for his presence and superintendence, asked from the body leave of absence. Granted. Elder J. B. Richardson in the chair.

The report on State Missions was read by Elder Boone.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work as presented by the State Mission Board is divided mainly in three sections: 1, The Pamlico section; 2, The work on the line of C. C. R. R.; And, 3, That in the western part of the State. In the Pamlico, there are brethren Hufham, Vann, Carter and Carrick; in the C. C. R. R. field, there are brethren W. T. Jordan, E. L. Davis and others; in the Western field, there are Jones, Rooke, Boone, Marsh, Richardson and Haymore. These brethren are most of them employed for only a part of their time. There has been a large measure of success at several points in all of these sections. And while there is a grand work being done, there are broad fields open to the harvesters. The Board is compelled to turn away many applications for want of funds to meet their present obligations. We recommend a hearty co-operation on the part of the Association with the State Mission Board. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BOONE,
S. W. HOWERTON,
Committee.

Bro. Boone made a speech in regard to the State Mission Work, and especially that part which related to Salisbury Baptist Church. He took a collection for the erection of a Baptist church in Salisbury, amounting to about $40.00 in cash and pledges. Report adopted.

The nominating committee made their report. (For names of those composing Executive Board and Co-operative Committee see first inside page.)

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder Hatcher.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is a reading age. Our people must read, and all can see the importance of a sound and healthy literature. It is also needful that the Baptists of the State should know each other and know what is being done in different parts of the State. We commend our Baptist State Organ, the Biblical Recorder, as altogether worthy of a place in all our families. We also commend Kind Words, published at Macon, Ga., as a Sunday School paper, and the Foreign Mission journal, published at Richmond, Va.

H. HATCHER,
R. B. MYRES.

Remarks were made by Bro. Hatcher on the importance of taking the RECORDER. Report adopted.

Bro. Thomas Carrick asked for time on to-morrow morning to present the claims of Washington Baptist church in the Pamlico section, and take a collection for the same. Granted.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Hamner.

SABBATH MORNING, Aug. 22d, 10 1-2 O'clock.

An unusually large congregation assembled.

Bro. Carrick took up a collection for Washington Baptist church, amounting to $15.00 in cash and pledges.

At 11 o'clock, Dr. T. H. Pritchard preached the Missionary Sermon. Text, 1st Timothy, 4th chapter and 9th verse: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation." At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Foreign and State Missions, amounting to $13.00.

At 2 o'clock Elder T. Harrison preached from Job 35th chapter and 3d verse: "What profit shall I have if I be cleansed from my sin?"

Elder Wm. Turner preached at night from Matthew 4th chapter and 24th verse: "And they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases * * * * and he healed them."

MONDAY MORNING, August 23d, 9 1-2 O'clock.

Religious services conducted by Bro. Morton. Bro. Turner called to the chair. Roll called; most of the delegates gone home; minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Report of Executive Board and also reports of Missionaries read.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We employed Bro. Henry Sheets to labor as missionary at a salary of $200.00 for one-half of his time. He reports that he has labored 11-20 of 1-2 of his time, for which we have paid him $110.00. We also agreed to assist High Point in paying its pastor, he devoting a part of his time to missionary labor. We have paid him $16.00 for two-thirds of one-fourth of his time.

Since January we have bought from the American Baptist Publishing Society, $36.73 worth of denominational literature, at publisher's prices, for distribution. For these we have realized $26.74. We have on hand in books $13.41. We have received from the following churches the following amounts: New Friendship, $14.85; Abbott's Creek, $12.25; High Point, $8.50; Thomasville, $20.19; Pine Meeting House, $10; Jersey, $20; Reed's Cross Roads, $12; Marion, $12.53; Liberty, $12.86; Holloway's $10.20; Lick Creek, $3.50; Big Creek $10.

Total from the churches		$146.88
Collected from field by missionary		19.60
On hand over last year		4.43
Total receipts		$170.91
Paid to Missionaries	$126.00	
Books on hand	13.41	
	$139 41	$139.41
Cash on hand		$31.50

S. W. HOWERTON,
W. P. REDWINE.

MISSIONARIES' REPORTS

TO THE EX. BOARD OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—DEAR BRETHREN:

Having entered upon my duties as missionary, I have made but 11-20 of 1-2 the time. During that time I have preached 67 sermons.

The outlook is hopeful; and sufficient encouragement is presented to urge us on to still greater efforts for the spread of gospel truth within our bounds. The people are anxious to have preaching. I have been urged to preach at points which I could not reach. Union Factory, Clodfelter's School House, Bunker Hill and Jamestown seem to be the most prominent missionary points within our bounds yet visited. The little band of brethren and sisters is struggling to complete the house of worship. They are in need of funds, and anything given for that object would be worthily bestowed. Let us redouble our efforts to spread the truth, even within our own bounds—to carry it to every house within the bounds of this Association. May the Lord's blessing attend the efforts already put forth. HENRY SHEETS.

To the Mission Board :—

Having been appointed to labor in High Point and vicinity for one-fourth of my time, I would report that I commenced labor in January last. Sermons delivered at High Point, 18 ; at Welches School House, 4. Visited Jamestown 4 times ; Bundy's Chapel, 2 ; Pleasant Grove, 3. At Pleasant Grove I hope to hold a protracted meeting soon. While there have been no additions, yet we hope seed have been sown which may be reaped soon. Upon such a field as this we have to toil and wait. J. B. RICHARDSON,
Missionary.

Remarks were offered upon these reports by Sheets, Morton, Culbreth and Hamner.

Adopted.

Seeing that so many of the delegates had gone home without leave of absence, a motion was made to reconsider the time appointed for next year. After some discussion it was agreed to reconsider. A motion to meet on Thursday instead of Friday was made, which motion, after a short discussion, was unanimously carried.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by Brother Jones :

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Printing Minutes.	Sunday Schools.	Orphan Asylum.	Paid Ministers in Protr'ted meetings.	Repairing Houses.	Church Extension, 2d B. Church, Ral.	Domestic Missions
Abbott's Creek.	$4 00	$	$4 75	$12 25	$2 30	$ 82	$1 25	$	$	$	$
Big Creek........		1 00		10 00	1 30						
High Point......		2 51	1 50	8 50	1 60						
Holloway's......			7 75	10 20	2 45	9 07		16 85	47 65	1 15	
Jersey...........	3 65		9 81	20 00	2 15		6 15				
Liberty			3 40	12 86	2 00	4 45		19 95	16 00	1 33	
Lick Creek......				3 50	1 00						
Marion...........				12 53	50						
Muddy Creek...					85						
New Friendship				14 85	2 60	3 10	5 87				
Pierce's Chapel					1 00						
Pine M. House.				10 00	3 00		4 03				
Reed's X Roads				12 00	1 80						
Summerville.....					1 00						
Thomasville.....			5 25	20 19	1 25	7 00		13 00			6 50
Tom's Creek.....					90						
	$7 65	$3 51	$32 46	146 87	$25 70	$24 44	$20 27	$49 80	63 65	2 48	6 50

A. C. JONES, N. W. BEESON, A. E. PRIM, COMMITTEE.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder T. Harrison.

REPORT.

The success in the past in regard to the Foreign Missions of our Southern Zion has undeniably established two facts, viz.: That God Himself is in the work, manifesting Himself unto the heathen; and that His people have abundant reasons for great encouragement, for larger contributions, and more vigorous prosecution of this glorious work. All four quarters of the globe are now open to the introduction of the gospel, and never before has there been such a call for help as now comes, not only from the countries already occupied, but also from regions far beyond. The reports of our Missionaries as published in the Foreign Mission Journal (which we heartily endorse and cheerfully recommend), are gratifying indeed, and call for devout thanksgiving and hearty praises to Him who has enabled us with so little means and so few missionaries to accomplish a work so wounderfully grand. We earnestly recommend this work to the churches as especially claiming their deepest interest and their most fervent prayers.

D. C. CULBRETH,
T. HARRISON.

Thrilling remarks were made by Dr. Pritchard and Bro. Harrison.

Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was next called for.

REPORT.

Intemperance, we think, stands at the head of the evils of our land, and is doing more to bring suffering, dissipation, ruin, and incurring the displeasure of God, than any one evil; and at the same time is a very great hindrance to the spread of the gospel. The church member who allows himself to indulge in strong drink is encouraging drunkenness, and fails to recommend in a clear light the religion that he has professed. Can we expect to remedy the great evil while we encourage its use by our practice? Those who walk worthy of their vocation must live out the gospel in their lives. The moderate dram drinker is not only having the appearance of evil but is partaker of their evil, and in our opinion, is exerting a greater influence for drunkenness than those given to excess. If that light that be in you become darkness, how great is that darkness? We would recommend that the pastors preach more, and that the members talk more against the evil of intemperance, and that churches exercise corrective discipline over those engaged in the traffic and use of strong drink. Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON,
G. W. PARK.

Remarks against the use of liquor as a beverage were made by Pritchard, Culbreth and Morton. Adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the great Baptist brotherhood of this Association, as well as others, are opposed to Sunday Schools, your committee beg leave to report that they are unwilling to recommend the brethren to do a work in which they feel no interest and which is too onorous for them; Provided, however, that those who think they can do good in this way, be allowed to engage in the work. The work has been recommended to this body by the committee for a number of years, but their advice has not been heeded by even one third of the members of the churches; hence, we recommend this Association to drop the work as being unworthy of their labors. Respectfully,

C. A. ROMINGER,
JOHN A. STOKER.

This report not meeting the approbation of the body was tabled. When the following report was presented by the same committee.

REPORT.

Inasmuch as the Scriptures make it our duty to bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we, the committee, recommend the establishment and continuance of a Sunday School at every church in this Association, and at every other place where the seed of gospel truth can be successfully planted in the hearts of the people. It is one of the great instruments for the development of the christian graces. It is the church at work; hence, we recommend it as being worthy of our hearty support. Respectfully submitted,

C. A. ROMINGER,
JOHN A. STOKER.

This report being approved, was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committe for 1879, the following amounts:

For printing minutes,	$25 55
" Education,	1 00
" State Missions,	1 00
" Foreign Missions,	4 50
" Orphan Asylum,	25
Cash on hand from last year,	1 05
Total	$33 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Jordan Womble, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, as follows:		
For Education	$ 1 00	
" State Missions,	1 00	
" Foreign Missions,	4 50	
" Orphan Asylum,	25	
Paid W. J. Boylin for printing minutes,	16 00	
" Express fee on minutes,	50	
" Incidental expenses,	33	
Clerk's fee,	6 00	
Total expenses,	$29 58	$29 58
Cash on hand,		$3 77

HENRY SHEETS, Treasurer.

On motion, it was ordered that the clerk have 500 copies of minutes printed for distribution; and that he receive for his fee all the money left in the treasury after paying all expenses of printing and distributing the minutes.

The business of the Association being ended, Bro. D. C. Culbreth offered the following resolution of thanks:

RESOLVED: That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of Holloway's Church for the kindly attention given the ministers, delegates and visitors in attendance at this Association, praying God's richest blessing upon them. Respectfully,

D. C. CULBRETH.

The congregation engaged in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by T. Harrison.

H. W. REINHART, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

I. This Association shall be called the Liberty Baptist Association.

II. It shall be composed of the ordained ministers, who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charges, within the Associational district; and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

III. The said delegates before taking their seats shall produce letters from their respective churches, showing their appointment as delegates.

IV. The Associational session shall be held at least once a year.

V. The officers shall be—Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

VI. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

VII. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest; but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal polity.

VIII. A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three members, shall be appointed on the first pay of each session, to prepare and report an order of proceeding; and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Assocation.

IX. Baptist ministers, not members of the Association, who may be present at any session of the body, may, on invitation of the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the association.

X. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the missionary operations of this Association.

XI. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

XII. This Constitution may be altered only at at an annual session of this Association, and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

I. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed, and on the appearance of a quorum, the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

II. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions or points of order, subject to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

III. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

IV. He shall not participate in debate, except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

V. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address themselves to the Moderator.

VI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

VII. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Association without its leave.

VII. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence to the order in which they stand here arranged.

IX. All committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

X. A committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session, to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

XI. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator, unless it receives a second.

XII. No rule of order shall be received or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

XIII. No member shall speak more than twice on any question, unless by consent of the Association.

XIV. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of every session.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1880.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Colored Members.	Total Membership.	Church meetings.	No. S. S. Scholars.
Abbott's Creek.	R R Moore.....	John Teague...	9		1	2		1	33	80	6	119	3rd	30
Big Creek........	H Morton......	A L Henderson	5	4		1			18	45		63	2nd	
High Point......	J B Richardson	A C Jones......			1	2	2		12	36	4	52	4th	20
Holloway's......	Henry Sheets...	Jas I Stoner...	6	2	1			2	48	110		158	3rd	45
Jersey............	William Turner	G W Palmer...	4		1	4			60	72	30	162	2nd	
Liberty	Henry Sheets...	Joshua Copple.	19	1	1	2	1		40	77	5	122	2nd	40
Lick Creek......	U F Haithcock	W P Redwine..				3	1	2	36	67	3	106	4th	
Marion..........	Sup. by Miss'ry	R S Green......							15	19	1	35	3rd	
Muddy Creek* .		Jas E Craver...							27	57		84	1st	
New Friendship	William Turner	Wm Turner....	6	1		5	3	1	32	67		99	1st	45
Pierce's Chapel	A P Stoker.....	Jno H Pierce...				1	2	1				30	3rd	
Pine M. House.	William Turner	R S Swicegood	9	4					36	52		88	3rd	67
Reed's X Roads	Jno F Redwine	L P Craver......		1			1		32	51		83	2nd	
Summerville.....	A P Stoker.....	J R. Doby......	8	2			1	1	16	40		56	1st	
Thomasville.....	J B Richardson	S W Howerton						1	13	29		42	3rd	30
Tom's Creek.....	A P Stoker.....	John A Stoker.			1	15	2		10	16	1	27	2nd	
		Total......	66	15	6	35	13	9	428	818	50	1326		277

*No letter from Muddy Creek; partially filled from last year's minutes.—CLERK.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

—OF THE—

LIBERTY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Jersey Church, Davidson County, N. C.,

AUGUST 25th, 26th and 27th, 1881.

MODERATOR,—PROF. H. W REINHART, Thomasville, N C.
CLERK,—ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Salem Church, "

MONROE, N. C.:
Walter J. Boylin, Printer and Binder.

1881.

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association.

Benjamin Lanier, Sr.,	Level Plain,	North Carolina.
William Turner,	Salem,	“ “
William H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	“ “
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	“ “
S. A. Roper,	Jackson Hill,	“ “
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	“ “
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	“ “
W. N. Thayer,	Saunder's Hill,	“ “
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	“ “
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	“ “
S. H. Thompson,	Thomasville,	“ “

LICENTIATES.

W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	North Carolina.
H. W. Reinhardt,	Thomasville,	“ “
D. C. Culbreth,	Silver Hill,	“ “
B. F. Copple,	Fork Church,	“ “

Executive Board.

H. W. Reinhart, A. C. Jones, R. T. Hamner, E. H. Davis, A. R. Witherington.

Sunday-School Superintendents.

Abbott's Creek,	W. R. Hedgcock,	Abbott's Creek,	N. C.
Holloway's,	H. J. Palmer,	Silver Hill,	“
Lexington,	Robt. T. Hamner,	Lexington,	“
Liberty,	J. A. Summey,	Hannersville,	“
Lick Creek,	Braxton Coggin,	Bringle's,	“
Muddy Creek,	T. D. Cooper,	Clemmonsville,	“
New Friendship,	S. A. Hege,	Salem,	“
Pine M. House,	W. C. Grubb,	Salisbury,	“
Reed's X Roads,	Mc Stockton,	Lexington,	“
Thomasville,	H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	“
Arm of Holloway's,	J. M. Prim,	Silver Hill,	“

PROCEEDINGS.

Jersey Church, Davidson County, N. C., August 25th, 1881.

The Liberty Baptist Association, pursuant to adjournment, met with the Church at this place, in its Forty-eighth Annual Session.

Elder Henry Sheets preached the Introductory Sermon from Ecclesiastes, 9th chapter and 10th verse—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

After a recess of one hour, the Association came together for business. The Moderator conducted the services, using hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross;" read part of the 29th chapter I. Chronicles. Prayer was then offered by Elder H. A. Brown, of Winston.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the different churches, and the names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—N. W. Beeson, Prof. W. B. Waff and Charles H. Teague.

Big Creek—M. J. Leach and A. L. Henderson.

High Point—A. C. Jones, A. A. Gordon and C. B. Wilson.

Holloway's—D. H. Cross, Henry Shirley and Jas. I. Stoner.

Jersey—David Smith, R. H. Miller and G. F. Smith, Sr.

Lexington—John T. Yarbrough, Robert T. Hamner and W. B. Yarbrough.

Liberty—W. L. Beck, H. E. Copple and J. T. Hepler.

Lick Creek—W. P. Redwine and Peter Cross.

Muddy Creek—C. E. Idol, J. J. Watkins and B. F. Kinney.

New Friendship—Edward A. Rominger, R. A. Wommack and Willie Rominger.

Pierce's Chapel—Farley Cody.

Pine M. House—Alexander Sharp, W. C. Barnes and R. S. Swicegood.

Reed's X Roads—Alfred Wood, J. N. Myres and J. M. Foster.

Summerville—J. J. Bean and John Grier.

Thomasville—E. H. Davis, H. W. Reinhart and A. R. Witherington.

Tom's Creek—H. L. Gallimore.

A motion was then made to elect a Moderator by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Prof. H. W. Reinhart, the former Moderator.

The Moderator returned thanks to brethren for the compliment bestowed in re-electing him as their presiding officer. He spoke of the work before the body, and urged the brethren to still greater efforts for the spread of the gospel.

Elder J. B. Boone, of Statesville, led in prayer for Divine guidance.

The Moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren to report themselves. The following brethren reported: Elders J. B. Boone, John F. Redwine and Prof. C. A. Rominger, of Fork Male and Female Academy, from the South Yadkin; Elder Moses Baldwin, from the Yadkin; Elder H. A. Brown, from the Beulah; Elder Samuel H. Thompson, formerly of the Sandy Creek Association, Indiana, but now of Thomasville Female College; Elder C. T. Bailey, editor of *Biblical Recorder*, came forward, and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

An invitation was then given to newly constituted churches desiring connection with this body. It was announced that a church had just been constituted at Lexington, and would ask admission on to-morrow.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

ON ARRANGEMENTS—H. Morton, A. C. Jones and R. A. Wommack.

ON FINANCE—R. A. Wommack, James I. Stoner and G. F. Smith, Sr.

ON EDUCATION—H. A. Brown, C. A. Rominger and W. B. Waff.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—W. H. Hamner, M. J. Leach and Wisdom Miller.

ON PERIODICALS—C. T. Bailey, David Smith and A. L. Henderson.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—S. H. Thompson, W. P. Redwine and D. H. Cross.

ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—S. W. Howerton, W. B. Waff and Alfred Wood.

ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION—H. Morton, A. R. Witherington and Ed. A. Rominger.

ON TEMPERANCE—C. A. Rominger, N. W. Beeson and John M. Foster.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—M. Baldwin, W. L. Beck and Willie Rominger.

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor, deacons and delegates of this church.

On motion, agreed to meet at 9 o'clock, adjourn at 12, meet at 1, and adjourn at will.

The Committee on Religious Exercises appointed Eld. M. Baldwin to preach at the stand to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder C. T. Bailey at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Hamner.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 26th.

Religious exercies conducted by Bro. John E. Ray, of Raleigh.

The Moderator in the chair.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following report:

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR 1881.

1st. Reading of minutes of preceding day.
2d. Reading of Rules and Constitution.
3d. Invitation to correspondents and visitors.
4th. Invitation to new churches.
5th. Report on Education.
6th. Appoint a committee to write on ministerial qualifications.
7th. Report on Periodicals.
8th. Report of Ex. Board and Missionary of the Association.
9th. Appointment of Executive Board for ensuing year.
10th. Ministerial Support.
11th. Foreign Missions.
12th. Report on State and Associational Missions.
13th. Beport on Church Letters and State of Religion.
14th. Report on Temperance.
15th. Appoint time and place for next Association.
16th. Appoint some one to preach Introductory Sermon.
17th. Report on Finance.
18th. Report on Sunday Schools.
19th. Call for Report of Correspondence to other Associations.
20th. Call for Report on Ministerial Qualifications.
21st. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention.
22nd. Appoint some one to write a short form of Church Letter to appear in our Minutes.
23rd. Miscellaneous Business.
24th. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes.
25th. Adjournment.

H. MORTON,
A. C. JONES,
R. A. WOMMACK,
Committee on Order of Business.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren. Brother John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary Board of Missions, and Elder

S. F. Conrad, from the South Yadkin Association, reported and were cordially received.

The letter from the Lexington Baptist Church was read before the body, and the church admitted into the body.

Elder H. A. Brown read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Wake Forest College is in a more prosperous condition now than ever before. There is no institution in the land that furnishes more facilities for a first-class education for young men. We should use our influence in getting all the young men in our neighborhood to go to Wake Forest. There were nineteen young ministers at the College last year, sustained by the Board of Education. The Board is entirely dependent upon the contributions from the churches in carrying on this noble work. We recommend that every church in the Association be urged to raise something for the furtherance of this worthy object.

We take great pleasure in commending the Thomasville Female College to all those who have daughters to educate. It is well established, admirably well supplied with efficient teachers, and thoroughly furnished with all the appliances necessary to the best institutions for the educating and training of girls.

The High Schools of Bro. Rominger, at Fork Church, and Bro. Waff, at Abbott's Creek, are both doing good work, and are, in every sense, worthy of the most liberal patronage of our people.

H. A. BROWN ,
C. A. ROMINGER,
W. B. WAFF,
Committee.

The following brethren made interesting and telling speeches on the report: Elders H. A. Brown and S. H. Thompson, Profs. Reinhart, Rominger and Waff, Bro. John E. Ray and Elder J. B. Richardson.

Pending the motion to adopt, the Association took a recess of one hour for dinner. Benediction by Bro. Richardson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. Bailey. The Moderator in the chair. The discussion on the subject of education was again resumed. After a speech by Bro. Conrad, the report was adopted.

NOTE.—Delegates from the following churches pledged themselves to *try* to raise the amounts specified for education: Abbott's Creek, $5 00; Big Creek, $5 00; High Point, $5 00; Holloway's. $5 00; Jersey, $5 00; Liberty, $3 00; Lick Creek, $3 00; Muddy Creek, $5 00;

Marion, $2 00 ; New Friendship, $5 00 ; Pierce's Chapel, $2 00 ; Pine M. House, 5 00 ; Reed's X Roads, $5 00 ; Thomasville, $10 00 ; Lexington, $5 00. Total, $70.00.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to write on Ministerial Qualfications : Elders Wm. Turner, M. Baldwin and J. F. Redwine.

Bro. Bailey read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are pleased to state that the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is in a prosperous condition, and is better prepared than ever before to advocate and defend Baptist interests and principles. Its circulation has been considerably extended, and wherever it has gone the churches have been greatly benefitted. All our interests and institutions prosper as the *Recorder* is taken and read by the churches ; and wherever it is is not taken the churches are inefficient, the pastors dispirited, missions neglected and the children uneducated. We believe it to be to the interest of all our churches, as well as to the advancement of the general work of the denomination, that the *Recorder* find a place in the home of every Baptist family in North Carolina.

Your Committee also recommend *Kind Words* of Macon, Ga., as a Sunday School paper, and *The Foreign Mission Journal*, of Richmond, Va., for general circulation.

C. T. BAILEY,
DAVID SMITH,
A. L. HENDERSON,
Committee.

After remarks by Brethren Baliey, Ray and Reinhart, the report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced the following brethren to preach : Preaching in the house to-night by Elder H. A. Brown ; to-morrow at 11 o'clock, at the stand, by Elder H. Morton ; Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the house, Elder S. H. Thompson, at the same hour at the stand, Elder J. B. Richardson ; at 2 o'clock, P. M., Elder C. T. Bailey in the house and Elder S. F. Conrad at the stand.

By a vote of the body, the Executive Board was allowed until to-morrow morning to report. So much of the Order of Business as related to the Finance Committee was changed in order to allow that committee to report this evening. The Moderator appointed Brethren H. Morton, J. B. Richardson and R. A. Wommack, a committee to appoint the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

The Report on Ministerial Support, was called up and read.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support would call the attention of all the churches composing the Liberty Association, to what is said on this subject in the Word of God, that the "laborer is worthy of his hire;" also, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." We are informed in the Word of God that it "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Is not the will of God binding on us as His saved ones to see to the support of the gospel? Brethren of the Association, let us see that our love, respect, and care for those called of God to preach "Christ and Him crucified" to a lost and ruined world, be aided by us of our means and prayers to forward the precious gospel to one and all.

"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Brethren, is not this duty as binding on us to-day as when spoken at Antioch? It is the opinion of your committee that many of us do not properly value the labors of the ministry, and fall far short of giving them the support which their office and labors demand. "He that knoweth his master's will and doeth it not shall be beaten with many stripes." May God help us as a people to do all commanded in his word, that Christ's kingdom may prosper in the world.

W. H. HAMNER,
M. J. LEACH,
WISDOM MILLER,
Committee.

Remarks were offered in support of the report by Elder Hamner, after which it was adopted.

The Report on Temperance was called for, and read by Prof. Rominger.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, the use of ardent spirits as a beverage lies at the bottom of almost all crimes, and militates in every way against the cause of Christ, therefore,

We recommend the churches to deal strictly with any member who engages in the manufacture, sale, or use of ardent spirit; for no member of Christ's church can any more moderately drink liquor than he can moderately swear or moderately steal. In our opinion, any brother who will engage in the manufacture, sale, or use of ardent spirits as a beverage, walks disorderly and deserves the discipline of the church.

C. A. ROMINGER,
N. W. BEESON,
J. M. FOSTER.

Bro. Rominger made a strong speech against the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, after which the report was unanimously adopted.

Elder S. H. Thompson read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The world was never so prepared to receive the gospel as at present. Scarcely a place on the globe but is open to the teachers of Christ's word. China and Africa especially hold out their hands to Southern Baptists. There have been baptized within the past year, by our missionaries in China, 70 candidates, and in Africa, 23. Still, the Macedonian cry comes piteously to us, "Come over and help us." Italy, Mexico and Brazil, also, are wide fields for our occupancy. Brethren, let us gird up our loins for this fight with heathenism. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," are our marching orders. That we should liberally and faithfully uphold these servants of God who "go out to the regions beyond," is the mind of your Committee.

S. H. THOMPSON,
W. P. REDWINE.

Remarks were offered on the above by Elds. Thompson and Bailey.

Pending a motion to adopt, a motion to adjourn prevailed.

Adjourned until to morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING, Aug. 27th.

Religious services conducted by Bro. Richardson; Moderator Reinhart in the chair. The Report on Foreign Missions was further discussed by Bro. Ray. On motion of Bro. Sheets, Bro Ray was asked by the Association to give us a compilation of facts and figures in reference to the Foreign Mission work. He submitted the following:

FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

DO FOREIGN MISSIONS PAY?

The modern Foreign Mission enterprise was begun only about 70 years ago. And yet the work has been prospered in a degree almost incredible. The Buddhist nunneries of China have all been closed by imperial order. In Southern India 60,000 people have formally denounced Hindooism. The King of Siam has issued a proclamation granting religious liberty throughout his realm. In Central Africa King Mtesa has released his slaves and calls for the observance of the Christian Sabbath. There is a store in Japan for the sale of the Scriptures. In Southern Africa the whole population of a village have removed the idols from their temples and professed Christianity.

Twenty-five years ago there were only 100 Baptists in Sweden. Now there are 20,000. They have 18,000 children in Sunday school. Since the first of January, 1881, 1669 persons have been baptized in India. There are *five hundred thousand* native Christians in India, Ceylon and Burmah. The Baptists have in Asia 162 missionaries, 616 native preachers, 475 churches and 40,087 members. There were 3,191 baptisms last year.

Reports from Executive Board and Missionary were called for. The following is the report of the Executive Board:

REPORT.

Circumstances over which we had no control delayed the meeting of the Board for the appointment of the missionary till October, when Bro. H. Sheets was appointed Associational Missionary to labor for such time as he could give to missionary labor, in addition to his pastoral work, at the rate of $200, for half his time. Commencing late, and the winter proving unusually severe, he has not been able to do quite so much work as last year, but we believe, nevertheless, that he has done a good work, whose fruits will appear in the near future, and one greater than appers from his report to which we refer you.

We would call the attention of the Association to the new organization and work in Lexington, where the brethren are now trying to procure a lot upon which they may build a house of worship. They will need help from the churches for this purpose, and also to pay the salary of their pastor, Elder S. F. Conrad, if they do not get aid from the State Board, which now seems doubtful. We therefore recommend them to the churches for assistance, and would suggest that your Executive Board be instructed to include this interest in their efforts to secure means for carrying on the master's work in our bounds. A great obstacle to the success of the work lies in the difficulty in securing the attendance of members at the meeting of the Board. We therefore suggest that the Executive Board be selected with an eye to this matter. We are glad to be able to report the missionary paid and $31.90 on hand, and also books amounting to $13.41 at retail prices. We urge the churches to increased liberality, that we may be able to employ the missionary for his whole time. We append the following financial statement:

On hand from last year in cash,		$31 50
" " " " " " books at retail prices,		13 41
Total paid by the churches and field,		97 50
		$142 41
Paid Bro. Sheets for missionary work, 10 4-7 weeks,	$88 10	
" " Richardson, bal. for High Point Mission,	9 00	
Books on hand,	13 41	
		$110 51
Cash on hand,		$31 90

H. W. REINHART, *Chairman Ex. Board.*

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren of Executive Board:

Owing to existing engagements at the time of my appointment by your Board, and the extreme cold weather during the past winter, I was unable to do *much* for your Board until the first of February. Since that time I have been regularly engaged in the prosecution of the mission work of our association. I have performed 10 4-7 weeks of labor, since my engagements with you. I have delivered 66 sermons, and have held two protracted meetings of four or five days each. One at Oak-dale Factory, near Jamestown, in Guilford county; the other at New Hope School House, near the railroad between Thomasville and Lexington. At each of these meetings I labored under disadvantages over which I had no control. While there were no professions, it is believed that much good was accomplished. I have done but little preaching at Clodfelter's School House this year, as brethren Hamner and Morton have supplied that point. The house of worship at Union Factory is yet unfinished for the want of funds. This is an important work, and one which we cannot afford to overlook. Next in importance is Bunker Hill, in Guilford county, six miles from Abbott's Creek Church. The people there are anxious to have Baptist preaching. We ought to supply this point with monthly Sabbath preaching. With proper efforts put forth here, we may have at no distant day, a self-sustaining church. Aside from other destitute points within our borders we have, lying on the eastern border of this association, a vast tract of destitution some fifty miles in length, and twenty to thirty in width. This scope of country includes nearly the whole of Randolph county, (which is 28 miles square), which has but three Baptist churches, except three or four on the extreme Eastern border, belonging to the Sandy Creek Association. Brethren, this state of things ought not to be. We ought to arise in the power and strength which God gives and cultivate this field; and instead of the present number of churches we ought to have twenty-five or thirty in our association, doing for the Master ten times what we are now doing. May the Lord direct us in this important work, and help us to do our whole duty.

HENRY SHEETS, *Missionary.*

The Committee appointed by the Moderator to appoint the Executive Board for the ensuing year, named the following brethren: H. W. Reinhart, A. C. Jones, R. T. Hamner, E. H. Davis and A. R. Witherington. On motion, the Executive Board was located at Thomasville.

The report on State and Associational Missions was read by Bro. Howerton.

REPORT.

There are twenty-six Missionaries belonging under the supervision of the State Mission Board. Some are supported entirely by it;

some partly by it and partly by the Associational Boards, while others are supported entirely by the Associational Boards; but they all report to and are commissioned by the State Board. The Missionary in our bounds is Bro. J. B. Richardson at High Point. During the past year we have done more for State Missions than ever before; the number of missionaries has been considerably increased, and the expenses are necessarily greater; and unless the churches rally to the help of the Board, it will be in debt at the close of the conventional year. The missionaries have gone into nearly every section of the state, and God has greatly blessed their labors. We recommend to this association a hearty co-operation in the work of the State Mission Board. In the year 1877, this body undertook the work of Associational Missions, and each year has confirmed the wisdom of such course, and given renewed evidence that God approves it. The churches have sent up annually more funds than your Boards have expended. The fruits appear in Sunday schools organized, Baptist literature distributed, destitute points visited with the preached word, weak and struggling churches strengthened, one new church constituted, and another about to be, old meeting houses repaired and painted, and new ones building, and a deeper interest manifested in all your benevolent enterprises. Your minutes show that in the three years before you embarked in Associational Missions, the churches gave to various benevolent objects $242.33, and in the three years afterward, they have given $552.05, besides their contributions to Associational Missions; also, that in 1874–'5–'6, the average annual attendance in Sabbath Schools was 174, while in 1878–'9–'80, it has been 416. In these figures and facts do we not hear the voice of God saying, "Speak to the people that they go forward." While much has been done, much remains to be done. The destitution is yet great. The field is wide, but let us go up at once and possess the land.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. WAFF,
ALFRED WOOD,
S. W. HOWERTON,
Committee.

Speeches were made by brethren Howerton, Sheets, Ray and Richardson. Adopted.

NOTE.—At the close of Bro. Ray's speech a collection was taken up for State missions as follows: In cash, $22.45; in pledges, 8.00; Total, $30.45.

Adjourned one hour. Benediction by Bro. Bailey.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Clerk is allowed, by a vote of the body, to have a leaflet of the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society bound in our minutes. The Report on Church Letters and State of Religion was next read.

REPORT.

Abbott's Creek, Pine Meeting House and Muddy Creek churches have invited the Association to meet with them next year. Holloway's, Lick Creek, Pine Meeting House, Muddy Creek and Reed's X Roads, have enjoyed gracious revivals of religion. Abbott's Creek, Big Creek, High Point, Jersey, Liberty and Thomasville, by their increased Sunday School work and liberality, show marked signs of spirituality. Abbott's Creek, Holloway's, Liberty, Reed's X Roads, Lexington, Pine Meeting House, New Friendship, Muddy Creek, Thomasville and Lick Creek, have prosperous Sunday Schools. There has been an increase of 49 this year in the Association. Summerville, Marion, Tom's Creek and Pierce's Chapel, seem to be rather in a cold condition. The state of religion in our Association seems to be very hopeful, and yet we know much more might be accomplished by faithful efforts on the part of the churches. Preaching more frequently, weekly prayer-meetings and faithful work in the Sunday Schools are promotive of spirituality. Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON,
A. R. WITHERINGTON.

Report Adopted.

Elder M. Baldwin read the report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT.

Your committee take pleasure in stating that there seems to be, generally, a growing interest in the Sunday School work. There are at present about 1000 schools connected with our denomination within the bounds of the State, about 650 of these are east of the Blue Ridge. About 50 of these last have been organized during the past year. There are from 45,000 to 50,000 teachers and scholars on this side of the Ridge. We notice that there were in 1880, 277 Sunday School scholars within the bounds of this Association, as reported by the churches. Not having at command the number reported for the year 1881, we are not prepared to say what progress has been made in this department of our work during the last Associational year; though we have reason to believe that more has been done than during any previous year.

M. BALDWIN,
W. L. BECK,
W. R. ROMINGER.

After remarks on the report by Bro. John E. Ray and Elder S. H. Thompson, it was adopted.

Correspondents to sister Associations were called on to report

Prof. Reinhart visited the Pee Dee and Yadkin Associations. He was pleased with his visits. Found the brethren at work.

The Report on Ministerial Qualifications was called for and read.

REPORT.

We, your committee, find difficulty in presenting in a brief report the qualifications of a minister of the gospel. We would, however, say, briefly, that he should be divinely impressed with reference to the sacredness and importance of the work, and his individual duty to engage in it. That he should be a man of good sense, a large heart, full of sympathy for all classes of his fellowmen; that he should be a converted man with a clear experience of grace, and the ability to tell the people what God has done for his soul; and that his heart and his head should be cultivated and developed as far as the opportunities and condition of his life will permit.

WM. TURNER,
M. BALDWIN,
J. F. REDWINE.

This report was tabled, but after a speech on it by Bro. Baiely, the vote was reconsidered, after which it was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rec'd of Finance Committee for the year ending August, 1880, the following amounts:

For printing minutes,	$25.70
" State missions,	7.50
" Foreign missions,	6.50
Cash on hand from last year,	3.77
	$43.46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid B. F. Montague, Treas. Baptist State Convention, for State missions,	$ 7.50	
" Eld. T. Harrison, Agt. for Mission Board,	6.50	
" W. J. Boylin for printing minutes,	16.00	
" Express fee on minutes,	1.00	
" for stationery and postage,	44	
" Clerk's fee,	10.00	
		$41.44
Cash on hand,		$2.03

HENRY SHEETS, *Treasurer.*

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State convention: A. C. Jones, Henry Sheets, R. A. Wommock, David Smith, Henry Shirley, G. F. Smith, Sr., S. W. Howerton, H. Morton, D. C. Culbreth, H. W. Reinhart and A. R. Witherington.

Appointed Bro. H. Sheets to write a short form of church letter, and append to the minutes. An amendment to Article IX of the Contitution was offered. The Article as amended reads as follows:

Baptist ministers, not members of the Association, or any visiting brother from sister Associations, who may be present at any session of the body, may, on invitation of the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association. Adopted as amended.

On motion, agreed that the next session of this body, be held with the church at Muddy Creek, Davidson county, to convene on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1882; Elder S. H. Thompson to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. B. Richardson alternate.

A Sunday School mass-meeting was appointed to meet in the church to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes; that he have 500 copies printed, and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

Bro. Thompson offered a vote of thanks to this church and friends in the vicinity, for the very hospitable manner in which this body was entertained during the session now closed.

Thus ended the labors of the Forty-eighth Annual Session of the Liberty Association.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. C. T. Bailey. Benediction by Bro. Baldwin.

H. W. REINHART, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, *Clerk.*

SABBATH MORNING, August 28th.

According to appointment the brethren met in Sabbath School mass-meeting. Prof. Reinhart conducted the services. The meeting was opened by singing, and then prayer was offered by Elder Morton. The following brethren were then called on for speeches: Elder S. H. Thompson, Prof. W. B. Waff and Bro. S. W. Howerton. The speeches were calculated to awaken a deeper interest in Sabbath Schools; and it is believed that much good was accomplished. The hour for preaching having arrived the meeting adjourned.

Elder S. H. Thompson preached at 11 o'clock to a crowded house, from Eph., 6 chapter and 13 verse: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand." Elder J. B. Richardson, at the same hour, at the stand, preached from I. Kings, 18 chapter, and 12st verse: "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him, but if Baal, then follow him."

At 2 o'clock, P. M. Elder S. F. Conard, preached in the house from Joshua 9 chapter and 14 verse, "And the men took of their victuals and asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord." Notwithstanding the rainy day, a large crowd assembled to hear the preaching of the word; and all seemed satisfied with the services of the day.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Printing Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Southern Baptist Theo. Seminary.	Orphan Asylum.	Contributions for Sab. Schools.	Paid ministers in protracted meetings.	For Building new Churches.
Abbott's Creek*	$ 5 00	$3 59	$1 36	$10 01	$ 2 05	$ 7 25	$3 11	$ 4 40	$ 7 59	$	$
Big Creek	2 50		50	3 50	1 30						
High Point	2 00			3 50	1 50			4 75			
Holloway's	5 25	4 86	1 75	7 30	2 00	26 60		2 35	3 50	22 75	9 00
Jersey	10 25			5 28	2 50						30 00
Lexington				2 75	1 85				21 00		
Liberty	5 00		50	4 24	1 25				16 60		1 15
Lick Creek	3 00			2 40	2 10						
Marion				35	75						
Muddy Creek			3 05	6 75	2 00				1 75		
New Friendship				7 50	2 58	5 00					
Pierce's Chapel					75						
Pine M. House				8 75	2 64						
Reed's X Roads				10 00	2 00				16 40	16 25	2 55
Summerville					75						
Thomasville	23 00			20 00	1 00						
Tom's Creek					90						
	$56 00	$8 45	$7 16	$92 33	$27 92	$38 85	$3 11	$11 50	$66 84	$39 00	$42 70

*Abbott's Creek raised $3.10 for poor of church.

R. A. WOMMACK, JAMES I. STONER, G. F. SMITH, SR., *Finance Committee.*

Statistical Table for 1881.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'ed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Colored members.	Total membership.	Church meetings.	No. S. S. Scholars.
Abbott's Creek	S. F. Conrad	W. R. Hedgecock.	3	1			1	3	33	78	6	117	3rd	40
Big Creek	U. F. Haithcock	A. L. Henderson..	1				1		17	45		62	2nd	
High Point	J. B. Richardson	A. C. Jones	2	2	2	1			12	40	4	56	4th	
Holloway's	Henry Sheets	James I. Stoner	6	4		3	2	1	45	114		159	3rd	130
Jersey	Wm. Turner	G. W. Palmer	2	1		9		1	52	68	30	150	2nd	
Lexington	S. F. Conrad	W. B. Yarbrough.							12	6		18	1st	70
Liberty	Henry Sheets	Joshua Copple	2		1		2	1	40	77	5	122	2nd	65
Lick Creek	U. F. Haithcock	W. P. Redwine	6			3		2	35	70	3	108	4th	40
Marion	Sup. by D. C. Culbreth	R. S. Green							15	19	1	35	3rd	
Muddy Creek	W. G. Brown	James E. Craver	13			1	3	3	24	61		85	1st	52
New Friendship	Wm. Turner	Wm. Turner							31	67		98	1st	60
Pierce's Chapel	A. P. Stoker	John H. Pierce							11	19		30	3rd	
Pine M. House	Wm. Turner	R. S. Swicegood	14	1		1		2	42	56		98	3rd	47
Reed's X Roads	Henry Sheets	L. P. Craver	12	1			1	1	37	57		94	1st	150
Summerville	A. P. Stoker	W. N. Kinney	2				1		16	41		57	1st	
Thomasville	J. B. Richardson	H. Morton	2	2		5		2	12	23		35	3rd	60
Tom's Creek	John F. Hodge	John A. Stoker. ..	3		1	1		1	12	18		30	2nd	
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

MUDDY CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 24TH, 25TH AND 26TH, 1882.

Executive Board:

H. W. REINHART,

N. W. BEESON,	ROBT. T. HAMNER,
S. H. THOMPSON,	R. A. WOMMACK.

PROF. H. W. REINHART, MODERATOR, Thomasville, N. C.
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	North	Carolina.
William Turner,	Salem,	"	"
W. H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	"	"
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	"	"
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	"	"
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	"	"
W. N. Thayer,	Saunder's Hill,	"	"
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	"	"
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	"	"
S. H. Thompson,	Thomasville,	"	"
J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	"	"
W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	"	"

LICENTIATES.

H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	"	"
D. C. Culbreth,	Silver Hill,	"	"

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Muddy Creek,	T. D. Cooper,	Clemmonsville,	N. C.
Abbott's Creek,	N. W. Beeson,	Abbott's Creek,	"
Reed's X Roads,	H. McStockton,	Lexington,	"
Lexington,	Robt. T. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Holloway's,	H. J. Palmer,	Silver Hill,	"
Pleasant Grove,	J. T. Bostick,	Randleman,	"
High Point,	A. C. Jones,	High Point,	"
New Friendship,	S. A. Hege,	Salem,	"
Thomasville,	H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	"
Liberty,	W. L. Beck,	Hannersville,	"
Pine M. House,	Wilson C. Grubb,	Salisbury,	"
Arm of Holloway's,	J. M. Prim,	Silver Hill,	"
Arm of Reed's X Roads,	J. W. Lanning,	Linwood,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

Muddy Creek, Davidson County, N. C., August 24th, 1882.

The Liberty Association met, pursuant to adjournment, with this church, in its Forty-ninth Annual Session. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder S. H. Thompson, from I Kings, 6th chapter and 7th verse—"And the house, when it was building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither; so that there was neither hammer nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house, whi'e it was building."

After an intermission of one hour the association was called to order by the Moderator, who read 144th Psalm. Elder W. G. Brown led in prayer.

The letters were then handed in from the various churches, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Wm. Clinard, N. W. Beeson and Charlie H. Teague.

Big Creek: Geo. W. Henderson, Branson Sheets and Reuben Morton.

High Point: J. H. Holton and A. C. Jones

Holloways: J. M. Prim, J. F. Carrick and John F. Peters.

Jersey: G. W. Palmer, J. W. Smith and C. A. Owen.

Lexington: A. A. Yarbrough, Robt. T. Hamner and Sam'l Yarbrough.

Liberty: S. S. Lambeth, W. T. Miller and James M. Easter.

Lick Creek: James H. Daniel and Joseph Bean, Jr.

Marion: R. S. Green and Peter Lopp.

Muddy Creek: T. D. Cooper, J. J. Watkins and C. E. Idol.

New Friendship; R. A. Wommack, S. A. Hege and M. L. Charles.

Pierce's Chapel: Not represented.

Pine M. House: B. L. Hunt and Wilson C. Grubb.

Pleasant Grove: J. T. Bostick, J. M. Pugh and John Ellmore.

Reed's X Roads: C. A. Snider, Wm. Warner and J. A. Myres.

Summerville: Robt. Tysinger.

Thomasville: H. W. Reinhart.

Tom's Creek: W. S. Adderton.

Elders S. F. Conard and S. H. Thompson were appointed tellers. Reported Prof. H. W. Reinhart re-elected moderator. Upon taking his seat the moderator thanked the brethren for the compliment in continuing him as their presiding officer.

Elder Amos Weaver then led in prayer for divine aid.

An invitation was then given correspondents and visiting brethren. It was accepted by Elder Amos Weaver of the Raleigh; Elders W. G. Brown, C. C. Haymore and S. F. Conrad, of the Yadkin; Dr C. A. Rominger of the South Yadkin, and Elder S. M. Brown, of the Butler (Missouri) Associations, who were very cordially welcomed to seats by the moderator.

An invitation was then extended to newly constituted churches desiring admission into this body. Delegates from a newly constituted church, called Pleasant Grove, at Randleman Mills, Randolph county, came forward with letter and were received into this body.

The next in order was the appointment of committees on the various subjects named below.

On Arrangements: S. F. Conrad, James H. Daniel and N. W. Beeson.

On Finance: R. A. Wommack, J. T. Bostick and A. C. Jones.

On Education: S. H. Thompson, J. F. Peters and C. A. Rominger.

On Ministerial Support: Amos Weaver, Aaron Yarbrough and R. S. Green.

On Periodicals: C. S. Farriss, S. M. Brown and C. E. Idol.

On Foreign Missions: Wm. Turner, John Teague and S. H. Thompson.

On State and Associational Missions: Robt. T. Hamner, S. F. Conrad and S. S. Lambeth.

On Church Letters and State of Religion: S. A. Hege, James W. Smith and Peter Lopp.

On Temperance: W. G. Brown, Charlie H. Teague and G. W. Palmer.

On Sabbath Schools: C. A. Rominger, W. C. Grubb and C. R. Orrender.

On Religious Exercises: Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of this church.

The committee on religious exercises announced that Elder A. Weaver would preach in the house to-night.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Aaron Yarbrough.

Friday Morning, August 25th, Ten o'clock.

Religious Exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The Association called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The committee on arrangements reported order of business adopted last year.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren. It was accepted by Elder C. S. Farris, Associate Editor of *Biblical Recorder*, and Bro. C. R. Orrender of the Yadkin Association. The report on Education was brought forward by Elder S. H. Thompson.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We have great cause to rejoice in the rapid advance of education in North Carolina. Her people are more fully aroused on this subject than ever before. Good schools are springing up in almost every town and neighborhood But notwithstanding all this, great ignorance prevails in our borders, and as we, as a denomination, out-number all others together in the State, so have we a greater portion of this distribution among us, hence a greater responsibility rests upon the Baptists of North Carolina to arouse and educate their sons and daughters. Our people have been too negligent of this great interest heretofore, and while others have coveted the best gifts, we have been content with none of those that were inferior. It is the recommendation of your committee that as a denomination we give our influence to every public enterprise that is for the advancement of education in our State. That we especially patronize and aid those schools which public spirited Baptists are striving to build up in our midst. That as churches and as christians we urge upon the people the importance of an educated ministry, and call upon them to liberally give of their means to support of the Ministerial Education Board. That Wake Forest College is one of the prime factors in the present educational movement in North Carolina, and should be heartily supported by every Baptist in the State; with an able faculty, with 169 students, with 30 of these studying for the ministry, with four of its graduates in the Southern Baptist Seminary, we should be encouraged as to our future, but this only calls upon us for greater effort

That Thomasville Female College, under Profs Reinhart and Gardner, should receive the hearty support of the Baptists of Liberty Association and middle North Carolina. With an able faculty and increased capacity, it is able to do better work than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. THOMPSON,
J. F. PETERS,
C. A. ROMINGER,
Committee.

Able speeches in support of the above Report were made by brethren C. S. Farriss, S. H Thompson, S. M. Brown and C. C. Haymore, after which it was adopted At the close of the discussion, brethren from the various churches agreed to try to raise the following amounts for education next year: Abbott's Creek, $5.00; Big Creek, $2 50; High Point, $7 50; Holloway's, $12.00; Jersey, $6.00; Lexington, $10 00; Liberty, $5 00; Lick Creek, $3.00; New Friendship, $5.00; Muddy Creek, $5.00; Summerville, $1.00; Tom's Creek, $1.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Thomasville, $10 00; Marion, $3 00; Pleasant Grove, $5 00; Pine M House, $5.00; Mrs. S H Thompson, $2 50; Total, $93 50 Adjourned for preaching. Bro. C. S. Farriss, of the *Recorder*, occupied the pulpit.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, State and Associational Missions were made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The report on periodicals was presented by Elder S. M. Brown.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In the progress of Baptists in North Carolina we believe that the *Biblical Recorder* has been one of the chief agents in the hands of God in the promotion of their principles. We are impressed with the following facts: 1st. Pastors especially should labor for its increased circulation, because it instructs their congregations and makes them more efficient. 2nd. The *Recorder* counteracts impure literature which finds its way into so many homes. 3rd. It is an educator of great value to any family. 4th. Every North Carolina Baptist should be a subscriber, and he cannot keep abreast of the times unless he is.

We also most heartily recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words*.

C. S. FARRISS,
S. M. BROWN,
C. E. IDOL.
COMMITTEE.

Speeches urging the taking and reading of the *Recorder* were made by brethren W. G. Brown, C. C. Haymore and C. S. Farriss. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren a committee, to nominate the Ex.-Board for next year: R. A. Wommack, S. F. Conrad, Wm. Clinard, S. S. Lambeth and N. W. Beeson.

On motion, the Ex.-Board was allowed until to-morrow to make its report.

The report on ministerial support was read by Eld. Amos Weaver.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to submit the following Report:

It is clearly set forth in the Holy Scriptures that they that minister at the Altar shall live of the Altar; that they that preach the gospel shall *live* of the gospel; and that they that sow among the churches spiritual things, shall of their churches reap of their carnal things. It does seem that a proposition so clear, and so well sustained by Scripture, and so reasonable in itself, would be universally and practically admitted; but alas! it is not so. There are many in most—not to say all—of our churches who seem not to be aware of their obligation to sustain their Pastors, and who, if they should contribute to his support, seem to think that they have done a very charitable act.

It is high time that the minds of the brethren everywhere were disabused of error on this subject. Pastoral or ministerial support is a debt, a sacred obligation that God has laid upon His church, and should be as sacredly—ah, more sacredly, discharged than even our ordinary obligations, for it is a debt imposed by God Himself, and it is equally binding on every member of the church according to his or her several ability, not as a charity, but a debt. Your committee cannot close this report, however, without expressing their belief that much of the evil of which we have complained, is due to the fact that the ministers themselves, whose duty it is, have not, as a general thing, sufficiently instructed the churches on this subject.

Let the ministers do their whole duty, and let the brethren who recognize this duty, aid them, and it will not be long till our lay brethren and sisters will generally and squarely meet this responsibility, and the blessing of God will rest upon his churches The happiness of the churches and her ministers, as well as their efficiency, may then be expected to give us largely increased success in preaching the gospel and winning souls to Christ.

A. WEAVER,
R. S. GREEN,
A. YARBROGUH,
Committee.

Stirring speeches, full of the spirit of consecration, were made by Elders Weaver, Conrad, W. G. Brown and Dr. C. A. Rominger, after which it was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was next called for. It was read by Elder Wm. Turner.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus Christ commands His people to send the gospel abroad. Mark 16:15 —"Go ye into all the world," &c. Isaiah says in chapter 11:9v,, "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord," &c. Where there are people, the way of salvation is to be made known.

This is a glorious work laid upon us. Rom. 10:15—"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace." Paul recognized the obligation, and practised accordingly. Acts 26:20—"But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles," &c. It is strange that this work has been neglected so many years. According to statements which the writer of this report has seen, the first Missionaries to the heathen, in modern times, were Leonard Dober and David Litschmann, sent to the island of St Thomas, West Indies, from Herrnhut, in Saxony, by the Moravians, August 21, 1732. They had six dollars between them. Now, there are in various fields, about 5,800 Missionaries, with 14,000 native helpers. Now, about $8,000,000 are annually given to Foreign Missions. Now there are about 540,000 communicants in heathen lands. No other enterprise ever undertaken in the world, has had such grand success. Brethren of this Association, what part are we taking in this great work? Let us no longer neglect our duty.

Wm. TURNER,
JOHN TEAGUE,
S. H. THOMPSON.
Committee.

After remarks by various brethren, a cash collection for Foreign Missions was taken, amounting to $1.287.

Report Adopted.

Brethren agreed to *try* to raise next year in their churches the following amounts for Foreign Missions: Abbott's Creek, $3.00; Big Creek, $5.00; High Point, $5.00; Holloway's, $12.00; Jersey, $5.00; Lexington, $5.00; Liberty, $5.00; Lick Creek, $5 00; Pine M. House, $5.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Thomasville, $5.00; Tom's Creek, $1.00; Pleasant Grove, $5,00; New Friendship, $5.00 Mrs. S. H. Thompson, $1.00.

A preamble and resolution were read by Bro. Thompson, looking to the establishment of Union Meetings in this association, which will be considered on to-morrow.

The committee on religious exercises announced the following brethren to preach during the session of this body: To-night at old Muddy Creek church, Bro. W. S. Adderton; to-night in this church, Bro. S. M. Brown; Saturday at 11 o'clock, Bro. S. F. Conrad; Saturday night, Bro. Henry Sheets; Sunday at 11 o'clock, in this house, Bro. C. C. Haymore; same hour at the stand, Bro. S. M. Brown; Sunday at 3 o'clock, in the house, Bro. Wm. Turner; same hour at the stand, Bro. Amos Weaver.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. Turner.

Saturday Morning, August, 26th.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder Wm. Turner; Moderator in the chair.

By invitation of the Moderator, brethren J. S. Hall, of the Yadkin; T. J. Valentine, of the Beaulah; and Prof. J. T. Alderman, Principal of Fork Male and Female Academy, from the Eastern Association, came forward and took seats in the body.

The report of Ex. Board, Missionary and State and Associational Missions were read in the order mentioned above, and considered under a general discussion.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board employed Bro. H. Morton to labor as associational missionary for $200 for half his time, with the understanding that more time should be given to the work if the contributions of the churches should justify his employment for more than half his time. We regret to say that the contributions have not been sufficient to pay for half the year, though a little more than was contributed last year. We rejoice that we can report the organization of a church with 18 members and a beautiful house built for the worship of God at Randleman's Factory, known as Pleasant Grove church. This is the fruit of the labors of our missionaries, and is a convincing proof of the Lord's approval of the work and sacrifices of our brethren in this effort to glorify His name. Your committee express the earnest hope that this blessing from the Lord on the work will incite the brethren to still greater effort and more liberal contributions in this great work of preaching the gospel in the destitute portion of our associational field. To this end we would recommend that your Executive Board make an effort to employ the pastors of the churches in the association to give a portion of their time to missionary work in the neighborhoods of their respective churches. The brethren at Lexington have bought and paid for a lot centrally and admirably located, and have raised some $900 besides, to build a house of worship. They need and must have help, liberal help, from the brethren and churches of the association to complete this house to the Lord. Next to the general missionary work, your committee regard the building of this house the great work before the Liberty Association for the next year. We *must* possess the *towns*. It should be remembered with humble, joyful gratitude to God that the church at Lexington is also the direct result of your mission work. Do not these fruits call for enlarged effort to glorify the Redemer? Other points, too, give fine promise of fruit in the near future. We append the following financial statement, which in the absence of the Treasurer of Ex. Board, with his report, only approximates the truth:

On hand from last year in cash, - - - - - -		$ 31.90
On hand from last year in books, - - - - - -		13.41
Total sent up by the churches, - - - - - -		126.35
Collected by Missionary on the field, - - - - -		24.86
Total, - - - - - - - - -		$196.52
Paid Bro. H. Morton, for missionary work, 132 days,	$144.70	
Books on hand, - - - - - -	3.18	
		147.88
Cash on hand, - - - - - -		$ 48 64

H. W. REINHART, Chairman Ex. Board.

Note.—In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman labored under considerable disadvantage in stating the condition of the Board, financially. The cash on hand will probably fall much below the "approximation." This statement is due the Chairman, who did all he could to give the amount on hand in exact figures. Clerk.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren of the Executive Board:

Very soon after my appointment, I entered upon the work as Missionary, the Board leaving it to me to look out such points or places as seemed to be most promising. Very soon I found difficulty to meet; but at the same time I met with favor and encouragement. I labored the most of the year monthly, at Bunker Hill, Sandy Ridge, Jamestown, Oakdale Factory, Providence and Carraway, and preached at a number of other places as opportunity offered. We have not been able to do much at Pleasant Grove (better known as Union Factory) owing to the fact that their house is on the way, but not sufficient to worship in, nevertheless during spring and summer they have finished a beautiful house which reflects honor upon this church and people. We commenced preaching here in June and constituted the church on the 5th Sunday in July with 18 members. This little band is very much encouraged. The outlook is evidently bright, and a better day has doubtless dawned upon these faithful workers. It is to be hoped they will be able soon to settle a good pastor in their midst. Truly a great work remains to be done in this growing town of 1700 or 1800 inhabitants. Let it suffice to say a great work lies before the Liberty Association.

Number of days spent, 132; number of sermons preached, 106; out stations supplied, 6; prayer meetings attended, 20; persons and families religiously visited, 163; persons baptized, 5; assisted in organization of churches, 1; number of denominational tracts distributed, 125; number of *Recorders* taken on my field, 5; money collected on field, $24.86; collected for the church at Pleasant Grove, $4.00; number of Sunday school or other addresses, 23; aided in protracted meetings, 6; held protracted meetings, 3; sold tracts and books to the amount of $5.81. Respectfully submitted.

H. MORTON.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Never in the history of the Baptists of North Carolina have they been more aggressive than now. Our State Mission work has been most wonderfully blest. We have planted churches in almost all the towns under the labors of our missionaries employed by the State Mission Board, while the associations by the missionaries operating in their own bounds, have occupied a large territory in the country. This year we have a larger number of missionaries employed by the State Board than ever before. At the convention in Winston about seven thousand five hundred dollars were raised in money and pledges for the work of this year, which will be largely increased by the churches of the various associations. As an association we have need to be much encouraged by the increased contributions of the churches. From the church letters we have gone largely in advance of what we did last year, more than doubling in many things. The church organized at Lexington has nearly doubled its membership during the year. They have purchased a lot upon which to build a house of worship and have a good subscription toward the same—though not more than a third the amount necessary for its completion. We would especially recommend this enterprise to the consideration of the churches of this associaton. From our missionary we learn that the outlook is encouraging—the meetings well attended and many desires expressed that our mission work continue. One church has been organized, and candidates are now ready for baptism.

S. F. CONRAD,
R. T. HAMNER,
S. S. LAMBETH,
COMMITTEE.

Speeches were make by brethren Conrad, Thompson, Hamner, Sheets, W. G. Brown, Reinhart and Morton. In view of the press of work upon the body, preaching was dispensed with at this hour (11 o'clock.)

Raised in cash and pledges for building Baptist church in Lexington, $141.95. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Remarks resumed on State and Associational Missions by W. G. Brown, A. Weaver and T. J. Valentine.

Report adopted.

The churches will *try* to raise the amounts annexed to their names, for associational missions for next year: Thomasville, $25.00; Abbott's, Creek, $15.00; Big Creek, $5.00; High Point, $15.00; Holloway's $15.00; Jersey, $25.00; Lexington, $10.00; Liberty, $10.00; Lick Creek, $6.00; New Friendship, $10.00; Muddy Creek, $10 00; Summerville, $1.00; Tom's Creek, $1.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Marion, $5.00; Pleasant Grove, $5.00; Pine M. House, $4.00; Bro. S. H. Thompson, for self, $10.00; Total, $177.00

The committee to nominate the Executive Board for next year made the following

REPORT.

We, your committee, respectfully submit the following named brethren to constitute the Ex. Board for the next associational year: H. W. Reinhart. N. W. Beeson, Robt. T. Hamner, S. H. Thompson and R. A. Wommack.

F. F. CONRAD,
S. S. LAMBETH,
Wm. CLINARD,
R. A. WOMMACK,
N. W. BEESON,
Committee.

Note.—It is due the brethren of the above committee to say that their appointment on the Ex. Board was against their expressed wish, and being in the minority accepted the appointment as a matter of duty. Clerk.

The report on Church Letters and State of Religion was called for and read.

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee submit the following report on Church Letters and State of Religion. We learn from the reading of Church Letters that quite a number of them have enjoyed gracious revivals of religion. We find that quite a number, in fact the greater part of the churches have flourishing Sabbath schools, which seem at this day to be one of the great moving wheels of our christian religion. We find that there has been a great increase both in number of schools and attendants over last year in this association. The state of religion in our association, seems to be very hopeful, and yet we know that much more might be accomplished by faithful effort on the part of the churches. Preaching more frequently, weekly prayer meetings and faithful work in the Sunday schools are promotive of spirituality. Respectfully,

S. A. HEGE,
Jas. W. SMITH,
PETER LOPP,
Committee.

The report was adopted

The report on Temperance was read by Elder S. M. Brown.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, intemperance is the great national curse of to-day; and whereas, its blight rests upon all our instittutions, social, civil and religious; and whereas, the only effectual means for arresting this great means of evil is to be found in the "truth as it is in Jesus," promulgated by the churches of the Lord Jesus; and whereas, it is the duty of all the churches to make active, earnest effort to restrain all influences calculated to do harm; and whereas, the whole nation is aroused just now and is using all proper means for the suppression of this great means of evil; and whereas, many of our churches and the cause of chistianity generally are suffering egregiously on account of some of the churches retaining in their membership "whiskey men,"

Therefore, we the messengers and ministers composing the Liberty association, *advise* the churches composing said association:

1st, To withdraw from all members who engage in making, trading in, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and,

2nd, That they make continued earnest effort for the suppression of this great evil; and,

3rd, That they cast their suffrages as citizens with a view to the enactment of proper laws for the suppression of this adversary of men's bodies and souls.

W. G. BROWN,
C. H. TEAGUE,
G. W. PALMER,
COMMITTEE.

Earnest, spirited speeches were made in support of the above report by T. J. Valentine, S. M. Brown, S. H. Thompson, W. G. Brown, C. C. Haymore and and Moderator Reinhart. Adopted.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next session of this body with Pine M House, Davidson county, to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1883; Elder S. F. Conrad to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The committee on Finance made their report. The report was received and committee discharged. (See Financial Table).

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro. Rominger.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The importance of the Sunday School work must recommend itself to every christian heart. We need to study the Scriptures, we need to teach our children and our neighbors the way of salvation. Surely no one who loves the Lord Jesus Christ can excuse himself from this work. We therefore urge it as every christian's duty to engage some way in this important method of spreading gospel truth.

We would cheerfully recommend the *Baptist Teacher* and *Bible Lessons Quarterly* as most excellent and almost indispensible aids in the study of God's Word. How encouraging the thought that many of our children and friends have been led to Christ by means of the Sunday School. Yes, thousands of hearts have been made to rejoice by drinking its healing waters! But what weighty responsibilities rest upon us to save the hundreds of thousands who are yet unconverted! We regret to note that the average attendance this year is 127 less than last year; but glad to state that as last year we contributed to this work $66.84, this year we have given as stated in the letters $83.56, and this does not cover all that has been done. Six of our churches in this association have no Sunday Schools. What a work lies before us.

C. A. ROMINGER,
C. R. ORRENDER,
W. C. GRUBB,
COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted. The discussion of this very excellent report was postponed until to-morrow morning, to be considered in the Sabbath School mass-meeting.

Correspondents to sister associations were called on to report. Bro. Henry Sheets attendent the Sandy Creek, Bro. H. W. Reinhart the King's Mountain, Bro. R. T. Hamner the Beaulah, and Bro. S. H. Thompson the Yadkin association. All reported progress in the Master's work.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: R. T. Hamner, R. A. Wommack, S. H. Thompson and H. Morton.

It is ordered that the Clerk have the form of church letter attached to last year's minutes attached to these. The preamble and resolutions referred to yesterday were again read before the body by Bro. Thompson:

Whereas, we believe that a closer sympathy ought to exist between our ministerial brethren and pastors of the Liberty Association; that laymen and pastors ought to meet together oftener than once a year to discuss the interests of the Master's kingdom, and devise plans for a fuller development of mission work in our own borders, therefore

Resolved, That the association advise the ministers, pastors, deacons and laymen to meet (on Friday before every fifth Sabbath) in a Union Meeting to bring these great questions pertaining to the Master's cause before them.

That the Associational Mission Board be requested to meet at this Union and report its work.

S. H. THOMPSON, R. A. WOMMACK,
HENRY SHEETS, W. G. BROWN,
S. F. CONRAD, H. MORTON,
D. C. CULBRETH.

The churches are advised to send two delegates each to meet in this Union on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in October, at Abbott's Creek church.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were read and adopted by this body:

Whereas, As the next session of this Association will be its fiftieth anniversary; and whereas, as it is important that its present membership be informed of its origin, history and difficulties which it has encountered in the prosecution of the Lord's work, therefore

Resolved, That one or more brethren be appointed to prepare an historical sketch of its origin and progress, and read the same before the Association at its next annual meeting.

Brethren Wm. Turner, Wm. H. Hamner and Henry Sheets were appointed to write said historical sketch.

Appointed that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, that he have 600 copies printed, and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

Through inadvertency, the names of the committee to write on Ministerial Qualifications were left out of the proceedings. Bro. Weaver, the chairman of that committee, being called upon to report just before adjournment, said he had prepared no report, but could soon read one. He read the following:

A Bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient; not a a brawler, not covetous, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. I. Timothy, 3rd chapter, 2nd and 7th verses.

After remarks by Elders Weaver and Brown, it was adopted.

The business before the body being now completed, Elder A. Weaver led in prayer.

While singing one of the sweet songs of Zion, the ministers, delegates and friends took the parting hand and in tears bade each other adieu. Thus closed profitably and pleasantly the labors of the Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Liberty Association.

Benediction by Bro. Weaver.

H. W. REINHART, Moderator.

Henry Sheets, Clerk.

Sabbath Morning, August 27th.

Notwithstanding the rain early in the morning, 9 o'clock found a large concourse of people assembled in the house to hear the discussion on Sabbath Schools in mass-meeting. Moderator Reinhart introduced the services by reading 65th Psalm. The audience was entertained by speeches from D. C. Culbreth, [illegible]. R. Orrender, W. B. Waff, T. J. Valentine, J. T. Alderman, Robt. T. Hamner and S. H. Thompson. All were instructed as well as entertained. The hour for preaching having arrived the mass-meeting adjourned.

At 11 o'clock Elder C. C. Haymore preached in the house from Exodus, 14th chapter and latter part of 15th verse, "Go forward." The same hour at the stand Elder S. M. Brown preached from Psalms, 8th chapter and 5th verse, "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor." A collection for State Missions was taken at the close of these sermons amounting to $14.92.

In the afternoon Elder Wm. Turner preached in the house from John 15:15, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you." Elder A. Weaver preached at the stand from Romans 12th chapter and 11th verse, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Doubtless all thought that it was "good to be there."

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1882.

Received of Finance Committee as follows:

For education,	$ 2.75
Foreign missions,	3.50
Printing minutes,	27.92
Public collection on Sunday,	
State missions,	4.25
Foreign missions,	8.25
Balance on hand from last year,	2.03
	$48.70

Paid out as follows:

For Education,	$ 2.75	
" State missions,	4.25	
" Foreign missions,	11.75	
" Printing minutes,	14.50	
" Stationary and postage,	.45	
" Express fee on minutes,	1.00	
" Clerk's fee,	10.00	
		$44.70
Cash on hand,		$ 4.00

HENRY SHEETS, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1882.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	Education.	State Missions.	For. Missions	Associational Missions.	Fund for Printing Minutes.	Paid for Sunday Schools.	Orphan Asylum.	Paid Ministers in Protracted Meetings.	Paid for building New Churches.	Domestic Missions.	Incidental Expenses.	Total for each Church.
Abbott's Creek	Charlie H Teague	$6 78	10 88	$3 51	$13 35	$1 65	$9 25	$	$30 90	$	$3 05	$	$79 37
Big Creek	A L Henderson	2 50	3 75	50		1 20			17 68			3 00	28 63
High Point	A C Jones	5 00	5 61	2 00	13 58	1 50	2 00				4 00	1 60	35 29
*Holloway's	James I Stoner	12 50	4 25	4 25	10 00	2 90	25 26	2 00	2 50	11 25	2 00	1 00	92 91
Jersey	G W Palmer	6 00	4 25	8 25	6 65	2 50							27 65
†Lexington	A L Smith	7 09	1 78		6 84	1 75	19 17		19 00				55 63
Liberty	J W Easter	3 70	2 00		3 18	1 75	3 17		9 00				22 80
Lick Creek	W P Redwine				6 00	1 40							7 40
Marion	R S Green		25			75							1 00
Muddy Creek	Chas. E Idol	1 00	2 20	2 15	6 00	1 50			16 50	15 25		51 00	95 60
New Friendship	Wm. Turner	4 40			8 00	2 75							15 15
Pierce's Chapel	John H Pierce												
Pine M. House	R S Swicegood	3 25			3 45	2 60	7 80						17 10
Pleasant Grove	Jas. T Bostick			3 70		1 30							5 00
Reed's X Roads	L P Craver	1 65		2 75	3 80	2 00	10 75		12 10	2 50		92 02	127 57
Summerville	W N Kinney					85							85
Thomasville	H W Reinhart	10 00		2 00	20 00	1 25	6 16	7 60		15 00	24 25	163 60	249 86
Tom's Creek	H L Gallimore				70	1 05							1 75
		63 87	34 97	29 11	101 55	28 70	83 56	9 60	107 68	44 00	33 30	312 22	879 81

*Holloway's paid for poor of church $15.00. †Lexington paid for lot upon which to build a church $200.00.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1882.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Col'd Members.	Total Membership.	Church Meetings.	No. S. School Scholars.
Abbott's Creek..	S F Conrad......	Lewisville, N. C.	15	8	1			1	41	91	7	139	3rd	31
Big Creek	U F Haithcock	Albemarle, ‘‘	5						19	49		68	2nd	
High Point	S H Thompson	Thomasville, ‘‘	4	9			1	1	15	48	4	67	4th	25
Holloway's.	Henry Sheets...	Salem Church, ‘‘	2	1		2	1	3	44	111		155	3rd	60
Jersey.	Wm. Turner....	Salem, ‘‘	7	2		6	1	3	53	63	30	146	2nd	
Lexington	S F Conrad	Lewisville, ‘‘	7	9					18	16		34	1st	40
Liberty	Henry Sheets...	Salem Church, ‘‘	6			2	8	2	37	74	5	116	2nd	30
Lick Creek	U F Haithcock	Albemarle, ‘‘	12			1		4	38	73	2	113	4th	
Marion	Not Supplied...					10			11	13	1	25		
Muddy Creek	W G Brown.....	Hamptonville, ‘‘	8			1	14	1	17	58		75	2nd	45
New Friendship	Wm. Turner.....	Salem, ‘‘	1			5			31	65		96	1st	52
*Pierce's Chapel	A P Stoker......	Denton, ‘‘							11	19		80	3rd	
Pine M. House	Wm. Turner.....	Salem, ‘‘						1	42	55		97	3rd	48
Pleasant Grove.	J B Richardson	High Point, ‘‘		2					7	19		26	1st	75
Reed's X Roads	Henry Sheets...	Salem Church, ‘‘	16			5	3		38	64		102	1st	136
Summervillle	A P Stoker.....	Denton, ‘‘				1		1	15	40		55	1st	
Thomasvile	J B Richardson	High Point, ‘‘	3	3					14	27		41	3rd	45
Tom's Creek	J F Hodge......	Pool, ‘‘		1				1	11	17		28	2nd	
			86	35	1	33	28	18	462	902	49	1413		587

*Statistics taken from last year's minutes.—CLERK.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Pine Meeting House Church, Davidson County, N. C.,

AUGUST 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1883.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

R. A. WOMMACK, M. J. LEACH, G. F. SMITH, Senior,
D. H. HEPLER, R. T. HAMNER.

MODERATOR:

Professor H. W. REINHART, Thomasville, N. C.

CLERK:

Elder HENRY SHEETS, Salem Church, N. C.

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List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August, 1883.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	North Carolina,
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	" "
W. H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	" "
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	" "
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	" "
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	" "
W. N. Thayer,	Saunder's Hill,	" "
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	" "
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	" "
S. H. Thompson,	Lexington,	" "
J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	" "
W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	" "

Licentiates.

H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	" "
D. C. Culbreth,	Bringle's,	" "

Sunday School Superintendents.

Abbott's Creek,	N. W. Beeson,	Abbott's Creek,	N. C.
Big Creek,			
High Point,	A. C. Jones,	High Point,	"
Holloway's,	H. J. Palmer,	Silver Hill,	"
Jersey,	Members engaged in branch schools.		
Lexington,	R. T. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Liberty,	James M. Easter,	Hannersville,	"
Lick Creek,	B. C. Cole,	Bringle's,	"
Marion,	C. S. Green,	Lexington.	"
Muddy Creek,	T. D. Cooper,	Clemonsville,	"
New Friendship,	S. A. Hege,	Salem,	"
Jackson's Creek,			
Pine M. House,	W. C. Grubb,	Salisbury,	"
Pleasant Grove,	Jas. T. Bostick,	Randleman,	"
Reed's X Roads,	H. McStockton,	Lexington,	"
Summerville,	Robt. Tysinger,	Denton,	"
Thomasville,	H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	"
Tom's Creek,			

PROCEEDINGS.

Pine Meeting House, Davidson County, N. C.,
August 23rd, 1883.

The Liberty Association met, pursuant to adjournment, with this hurch in its Fiftieth Annual Session. In the absence of Elder S. F. onrad, the appointee, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eler O. F. Gregory, of Charlotte, from I John, 3: 2-3. After a hort intermission the body was called to order by the Moderator, ho read 12th chapter of Hebrews; after which the body was led in rayer by Bro. Gregory. The letters from the various churches were alled for and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—N. W. Beeson, Charles H. Teague and J. S. purgin.

Big Creek—William A. Russell and L. R. W. Harris.

Holloway—J. F. Carrick, W. F. Stoner and J. A. Carrick.

High Point—H. C. Crowder and A. C. Jones.

Jersey—G. W. Palmer, G. A Feezor and Charlie A. Owen.

Lexington—R. T. Hamner, W. W. Yarbrough and Moses Lamb.

Liberty—W. L. Beck, James M. Easter and H. E. Copple.

Lick Creek—Peter Cross, A. A. Cole and W. B. Russell.

Marion—Peter Lopp, C S. Green and S. L. Lopp.

Muddy Creek—D. F. Kinney, Wm. Doty and C. E Idol.

New Friendship—A. P. Snider, E. J. Hine and Felix Sink.

Jackson's Creek—Farley Cody and C. F Pierce.

Pine M. House—B. L. Hunt, W. W. Wilson and Charles Barnes.

Pleasant Grove—John Ellmore and James Coble.

Reed's X Roads—R. B. Myres, C. P. Craver and Jefferson anning.

Summerville—L. A. Tysinger, L. A. Vuncanan and John Grier.

Thomasville—A. R. Witherington, J. H. Mills and H. W. Reinart.

Tom's Creek—A. J. Buie and H. L. Gallimore.

After the enrolling of names, the Association proceeded to the lection of Moderator. Brethren A. C. Jones and G. F. Smith, Sen., ere appointed tellers, who reported Prof. H. W. Reinhart re-elect-d. The Moderator exhorted the brethren to devise more liberal lans for the extension of the Master's Kingdom. Bro. O. F Greg-ry then led in prayer.

An invitation was extended visitors and correspondents. Elder). F Gregory of the South Yadkin, and Vice-President of Foreign

Mission Board, Elder Thomas Carrick, of the Tar River, and bretl ren A. J. Routh, of the South Yadkin, and Benjamin Lanier, Jr., the Sandy Creek, Associations, reported, and were cordially invite to seats in the body.

The chair made the following appointment of committees:

On Arrangements: H. Morton, A. C. Jones and D. F. Kinney

On Finance: H. E. Copple, G. W. Palmer and A. P. Snider.

On Education: J. H. Mills, C. H. Teague and Charlie A. Owen

On Ministerial Support: D. C. Culbreth, A. Yarbrough an Peter Lopp.

On Periodicals: C. S. Farris, A. P. Stoker and W. L. Beck.

On Foreign Missions: O. F. Gregory, N. W. Beeson and Jefferson Lanning.

On Associational Missions: S. H. Thompson, J. B. Richardson and A. Yarbrough.

On State Missions: H. W. Reinhart, Thomas Carrick and A P. Stoker.

On Church Letters and State of Religion: Wm. Turner, Joh Ellmore and H. Sheets.

On Temperance: H. E. Copple, J. F. Carrick and W. C Grubb.

On Sabbath Schools: J. B. Richardson, S. L. Lopp and R. T Hamner.

On Religious Exercises: Pastor, Deacons and Delegates of thi church.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a committe to nominate the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz. Wm. Turner, H. Sheets, H. Morton, J. B. Richardson and S. H Thompson.

Adjourned to 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro Carrick.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 24th, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Religious Exercises were conducted by Elder Thomas Carrick. After the half hour allotted to these exercises, Moderato Reinhart called the house to order. The first business was the reading of the report of the Committee on Arrangements, which wa adopted without remarks.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren and correspondents. It was accepted by Bro. C. R. Orrender, of the Yadkin Association.

The report of the Committee to nominate an Executive Committee not being ready, they were granted longer time.

The Historical Committee not being present was indulged till another hour.

The report on Ministerial Support was called for and read

Pending the adoption of the report, the body was addressed by Bro. D. C. Culbreth, Elder O. F. Gregory and brethren A. R. Witherington and J. H. Mills. On motion, the report was re-committed.

The Report on Foreign Missions was called for and read by Bro. Gregory.

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Italy and China. These missionaries have 30 native assistants laboring with them, making a total of 68 missionaries employed. There are 1,032 members of native churches who have been converted from heathenism; 564 pupils are in the schools taught by our missionaries. Last year they report 124 Baptisms. The cost of supporting these missionaries and their work last year was $56,804.71.

The last report of the Board to the Convention concluded thus: Seven new laborers were sent last year into the field, and yet every mission is calling for reinforcements. Twice the number might be wisely sent out during the present year. Will the churches see the leadings of Providence, and respond to the call of duty? Great is the need of men and means, but greater is the need of the Holy Spirit to deepen Christian conviction as to the obligation to give the gospel to the nations With this deepened conviction, God's money and God's men would be abundantly supplied. Will not pastors recommend to their churches a stated missionary meeting, corresponding with the old and invaluable "Monthly concert of prayer?" No ground of hope for the world's evangelization is so sure as the Word of God, which should be constantly pleaded If asked the prospect of the foreign missionary enterprise, we would not reply that in the last thirty years $200,000,000 have been expended in this work; nor that a hundred and fifty millions of copies of the Bible are in circulation; nor that there are in pagan lands forty-five thousand missionaries, native and foreign; nor that there are a million of converts, and three and a half millions of nominal Christians. Our answer would be the thread bare, but the best reply, "The prospect is as bright as the purpose and the promise of the Almighty Father, who said to our Lord, who orders his servants into the harvest field of the world: 'Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee. Ask of me and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.'" Let the Spirit of God come down upon the people, and let their offerings be freely and fully made for the universal spread of the gospel, and sooner than is expected by many the cry will go up from earth to heaven: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ."

The Board asks this Association to give at least $100 to the work of preaching the gospel in the regions beyond. We recommend that we heartily respond to this appeal, and that the money shall be sent to Bro. B. F. Montague, Treasurer of the State Convention, not later than April 1st, 1884. Our Christian women are aiding nobly. There are some 500 societies who have contributed about $10,000 to this work. The central committee of Woman's Mission Societies is located in Charlotte, with Mrs. A. B. Todd as corresponding secretary, who will be glad to give information to the women of our churches; and S. H. Thompson has been appointed Vice-President for this Association to assist the ladies in organizing. We urge upon the churches the duty of enlisting more generally the sympathies and energies of our Christian women, and to form Woman's Mission Societies in every church, and that these societies be requested to report to the central committee in order that their full contributions may be known and reported. Let us pray for a growth of the missionary spirit in our churches, for the Spirit of Missions is the Spirit of Christ. Respectfully submitted,

O. F. GREGORY,
N. W. BEESON,
JEFFERSON LANNING.

Pending the motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elders Gregory and Richardson. At the close of the discussion a cash collection was taken, amounting to $11.00. The report was adopted.

[NOTE.—The amounts pledged by the churches was not handed to the Clerk].

Elders J. B. Boone, of the South Yadkin Association, and C. S. Farris, associate editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, reported themselves and were welcomed to seats in the body.

The Committee to nominate the Executive Committee made selection of the following brethren, viz.: R. A. Wommack, M. J. Leach, G. F. Smith, Sr., D. H. Hepler and R. T. Hamner.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Benediction by Bro. Boone.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator in the chair. Bro Gregory addressed the ladies on the subject of woman's work.

Bro. Thos. Carrick was allowed 15 minutes to present the claims of Greenville Memorial Church; after which he took a collection amounting in cash and pledges to about $32.00.

The Committee appointed to write an Historical Sketch was, on motion, continued until next year.

The committee on arrangements reported that Elder J. B. Boone would preach in this house to-night.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by the chairman; also the reports of the Missionaries, Sheets, Culbreth, Morton and Copple.

Report of Executive Committee.

Your Committee employed Bro. H. Sheets to labor as Missionary for half his time and Bro. D. C. Culbreth to preach at Pine Grove School

House, and authorized Bro. H. Morton to preach once a month at Providence and Oakdale Factory; salaries of Brethren Morton and Culbreth to be dependent upon the contributions sent up by the churches. Bro. B. F. Copple also preached part of the year at Marion and Gravel Hill. These brethren have done good work and sowed seed the fruits of which will be seen, we feel assured, before many days. The contributions have not come up as promptly and as fully as we could have wished; though your zealous and indefatigable Cor. Sec., Bro. R. A. Wommack, has written many earnest and eloquent appeals to the brethren of the different churches for funds. The work is growing on our hands, and we will fall lamentably short of our duty if our liberality to the cause of our Redeemer does not increase with the demands upon us. The brethren at Lexington have the walls of their church up and are covering in the house, but are in pressing need of funds to go on with the work. Brethren *do* give them the needed help and without delay, that they may complete their house before cold weather sets in and stops them, or greatly hinders the work. They will soon be out of doors, the commissioners having refused them the use of the court house after August. The brethren at Summerville are building them a new house and need some help. For the financial statement I refer to the appended report of our Treasurer.

H. W. REINHART,
Chairman Ex. Committee.

[NOTE.—The report above referred to was not handed in.—CLERK.]

Reports of Missionaries.

DEAR BRETHREN: The close of another year calls us together again. We are made glad for the good which we believe has been done. While there have been no new churches organized, we believe that permanent ground work has been laid; and that at no distant day we will be permitted to know that new churches have been organized as the result of our labors in part. Regular monthly preaching (Saturday and Sunday) has been given at Oak Hill school house, some four miles southeast of Thomasville in Randolph county. We have much encouragement there. The congregations are not so large as at some other points, but regular in attendance and slowly increasing all the time. This is an important point—one of the most important within our bounds. We have appointed to protract our meeting there in September. The section of country embracing Bunker Hill and Sandy Ridge, six or seven miles northeast of Abbott's Creek, is a section that we cannot afford to overlook. There are some Baptists there, and others would unite, we believe, if we had an organization there. Carraway school house, ten or twelve miles southeast of High Point, in Randolph county, is another point where we have done some work. It might be well for us to cultivate that point whenever we have means sufficient to do so. We have also done some work this summer at a point north from Linwood nearly three miles, preaching there on Sunday evening. We hope to be able to give them a protracted meeting there this fall. In connection with the above points, we mention Kernersville, on railroad leading from Greensboro to Salem; also a point somewhere between Reed's X Roads and Muddy Creek, the point not yet located; at or near Level Cross north from Randleman Mills, about four or five miles, where we would like to have done some work. There are a great many other points that might soon be developed had we the money and men at command. Other important points will be mentioned by the brethren who have been preaching there during this year. After my appointment in October last I commenced work, but in consequence of the extreme rough weather, did but little until the opening of spring. Work performed, 104 days; Sermons preached, 103; Prayer meetings held, 10; Aided in protracted meetings, 2; Bibles and Testaments sold, 20; Tracts distributed, 210; Families visited religiously, 125. Before concluding, we would suggest to the incoming Executive Committee, the propriety of concentrating our efforts upon a *few* points and try to establish churches at those points. Quite a number of our brethren think such change would be followed with good results.

Respectfully,

HENRY SHEETS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the 1st of January I have preached 37 sermons, held 23 prayer meetings, made 5 Sunday school speeches, organized 2 Sunday schools, made 42 religious visits, all within the bounds of the Liberty Association. I have given Grove School House monthly preaching. On the 2nd Sabbath in this month (August) I commenced a protracted meeting at this place. On Monday Rev. S. H. Thompson came to my assistance. We continued the meeting until the following Sunday. Sixteen professed faith in Christ. Eleven were baptised by Bro. Thompson into the fellowship of Jersey and Holloway's churches. I have been giving Salem School House, in Randolph county, special attention. The people seem anxious for Baptist preaching. I have been preaching occasionally at other points. I give statistics as follows: Converts, 16; Baptised, 11; Collected on field for Executive Committee, $15.60; Collected for Bro. Thompson, $12.00; Collected for Sunday school, $7.00; For church extension, $5.50; Number of Sunday school scholars, 74; Sold 4 Bibles.

D. C. CULBRETH, Missionary.

Brethren Morton and Copple did not submit written reports, but gave encouraging verbal reports of their respective fields of labor.

The discussion of the above reports were postponed until tomorrow morning.

The report on Associational Missions was read by Bro. Thompson.

Report on Associational Missions.

We ought to be much encouraged, as an association, at the progress of missions within our own bounds. But still much, *very* much remains to be done. During the last year three brethren, Morton, Culbreth and Copple, have labored in the field beside the regular appointee of the Committee, Bro. Sheets, and still the destitute sections in and around our borders are not occupied. Many souls have been converted and brought to Jesus this year, and much good done through the efforts of these brethren. The work at Lexington goes on. The brethren have their house ready for the roof, but are sadly in need of funds, and every dollar given them is work for the cause of missions. Your Committee would make the following recommendations: 1st, That the churches pledge themselves to increase their contributions for Associational Missions this year; 2nd, That the Executive Committee be instructed to employ pastors in these destitute sections at least one-fourth of their time instead of a traveling missionary; 3rd, That the house now being built at Lexington be recommended to the churches as an enterprise worthy of their consideration and help; 4th, That the churches be requested to send up their contributions quarterly, that the missionaries may be paid promptly.

S. H. THOMPSON,
J. B. RICHARDSON.

On motion, this report was postponed till to-morrow morning to be discussed in connection with the reports of Executive Committee and missionaries.

Bro. Turner read the report on

Church Letters and State of Religion.

Your Committee would note the improvement in the wording and matter of the church letters; but would call the attention of the Association to the manifest lack of interest taken by many in the reading of the letters; and the seeming waste of time, in this preparatory system of organization. We would ask the opinion of the Association as to the propriety of appointing a committee of three, to report a shorter, easier plan, looking to an amendment of the constitution upon this subject. As to the State of Religion, we think the Letters show some improvement in the development of benevolence in the churches, and in the great Sunday school work; also there is some more interest in missions manifest. We fear there is lacking to a great extent, a much needed interest in education—information—reading. Some of the churches have increased in numerical strength, but it remains to be seen whether there will be *real* strength by spiritual growth. Also, we would call the attention of the body to the fact that if we did not have additions to our Ministry from other Associations, we would be in a *much more* helpless condition. Why are not more of *our* brethren entering the Ministry? Submitted,

WM. TURNER,
HENRY SHEETS,
J. W. ELLMORE.

So much of the report as related to the organization of this body was submitted to a committee of three, consisting of Elders Wm. Turner, J. B. Richardson and J. B. Boone. Bro J. H. Mills made a speech, confining himself to "The State of Religion" in the churches. Bro. O. F. Gregory having to leave, was, in the midst of the discussion, allowed 15 minutes to present the claims of the Home Mission Board; after which, the report on Church Letters and State of Religion was adopted. The report on Education was called for and read by Bro. J. H. Mills.

Report on Education.

Every child has a natural right to live, to grow and to learn. Childhood is given that the body, the mind and the spirit may be improved. Fathers and mothers should do for their children all that they wish their parents had done for them. Children should learn to use their bodies with skill, their minds should be trained so as to increase their mental power, and their spirits should illustrate the excellence of wisdom and virtue. It is the duty of parents to give their children the best education they are capable of receiving, and this duty should be faithfully performed, though it often involves unpleasant sacrifices. The children should not be used to build up the schools, but the schools should be employed to build up the children. North Carolina needs ten schools for every one now in existence. And yet the few schools we have are dwindling for the want of patronage. Many Baptists especially are raising their children in grosser ignorance than that in which they themselves are groping, so the next generation will live under a brighter civilization and yet walk in denser darkness than that which is passing away. Then it becomes this body to encourage wisdom as well as virtue; to exert its influence in favor of elementary and preparatory schools, and to see that the doors of male and female colleges are open wide before all who have inclination and capacity to acquire thorough education. And even when this is done our load of ignorance will be just as great as any people ought to carry. We are in no danger of having too many educated men or women. They are always in demand. The great duty of each generation is not to make money—not to accumulate transitory riches, but to improve the succeeding generation—to make it wiser and better. The father, the mother, the teacher and the pastor are needed in the proper training of children. The time and the talents of all should be combined, and even then Satan will obtain many in darkness, and will cause others to wander from the way. Let us therefore act wisely ourselves and use our best efforts to guide the young in the way of the greatest growth and improvement in wisdom as well as virtue.

J. H. MILLS,
C. H. TEAGUE,
C. A. OWEN.

Remarks were made on the report by Bro. Mills. Pending the motion to adopt, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning. Benediction by Bro. Farris.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 25th, 9 1-2 o'clock.

Religious Exercises conducted by Elder W. G. Brown. 10 o'clock. The Moderator in the chair. Visiting brethren invited to seats. John E. Ray, Cor. Sec. State Mission Board, Elders W. G. Brown, of the Yadkin, and S. M. Brown of the Butler (Missouri) Associations, and Brethren S. J. Tatum, E. W. Tatum and Thomas Eaton, of the South Yadkin Association, accepted seats.

The report on Education being yet before the body, remarks were submitted by Elders Boone, Richardson and Thompson. At the close of the discussion the brethren pledged to try to raise the following amounts for education: Abbott's Creek, $5.00; Big Creek, $5.00; High Point, Holloway's, $15.00; Jersey, $10.00; Lexington, $10.00; Liberty, $5.00; Lick Creek, $3.00; New Friendship, $5.00; Muddy Creek, $5.00; Summerville, $2.50; Tom's Creek, $1.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Thomasville, $——; Marion, $——; Pleasant Grove, $2.50; Pine M. House. $5.00. Report adopted. The consideration of the report on State Missions was made the special order for 2 o'clock this evening. The reports of the Executive Committee and Missionaries as read on yesterday, was discussed this morning, by Bro J. B. Richardson, after which a collection was taken for the benefit of Lexington church in paying debt on their house, amounting to $62.50 in cash and pledges. Also, a cash collection for the payment of debt on church at Summerville; amount, $18.03. The report on Ministerial Support was read by Bro. D. C. Culbreth.

Report on Ministerial Support.

We regret that we are compelled to report that our pastors are *not* (we say it emphatically) receiving from their churches what is really due them. Consequently most—if not all—of them are compelled to give a part of their time to some secular business. "These things ought not so to be," for God's word teaches emphatically, "that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." But notwithstanding all this, there are in our churches men and women who contribute nothing to their pastor's support. We believe that this neglect may be attributed to the fact that our people have not had proper teaching, and therefore recommend that the pastors give Bible readings on this subject; and would recommend further that after they have imparted the proper instructions if they still have members who refuse to do their duty in this respect they recommend the churches to deal with them for covetousness. Dear brethren, upon investigation we find that the churches have contributed to their pastors' support for the last associational year as follows: Abbott's Creek, $125; Big Creek, $35; High Point, $——; Holloway's, $75; Jersey, $125; Lexington, $100; Liberty, $60; Lick Creek, $50; Marion, no pastor; Muddy Creek, $75; New Friendship, $100; Jackson's Creek, $25; Pine M. House, $100, paid $90; Pleasant Grove, $77;

Reed's X Roads, $75 ; Summerville, $40 ; Thomasville, $180 ; Tom's Creek, $15. Respectfully submitted,

D. C. CULBRETH,
A. YARBROUGH,
PETER LOPP.

Report adopted. The report on Temperance was called for.

Report on Temperance.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is one among the greatest, if not the prime factor in producing so much pain and misery in this present life, and the destruction of both soul and body through all eternity; and whereas, men are rushing headlong into this dreadful evil, insomuch that its effect is being experienced in all our institutions, social and religious; and whereas, it is the duty of every Baptist to make protracted efforts to eradicate this great evil; and whereas, the suppression of this evil is due to the people of the living God, therefore, we advise the churches to arouse to the eradication of this great evil. "No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of Heaven." Respectfully submitted.

H. E. COPPLE,
J. F. CARRICK,
W. C. GRUBB.

Remarks were submitted by Elders J. B. Richardson, W. G. Brown and S. M. Brown. Adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair. Report on State Missions was called for.

Report on State Missions.

God has abundantly blessed the efforts of His people to spread abroad a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. In many sections of the State there is little or no destitution; in other parts there are whole counties without Baptist churches or Baptist preaching. There are several other counties which have only *one* or *two* churches each. Many of the towns of North Carolina too, have been until recently very much neglected. The State Mission Board is making grand efforts to supply all this destitution. The Lord has richly rewarded these labors and the work has grown until there are now fifty-four missionaries laboring under the supervision of this Board. Last year the missionaries alone built 10 meeting houses on their fields, organized 15 churches and 44 Sunday Schools, preached 3,569 sermons, and baptised 447 souls. This year the work is greatly enlarged and there is a fine prospect for much greater results.

The State Mission Board is in immediate need of funds, and it is hoped that the Liberty Association will liberally aid in the Lord's work. And this is confidently expected since this Board is aiding three very important points within the bounds of this Association.

H. W. REINHART,
THOMAS CARRICK,
A. P. STOKER.

Bro. John E. Ray made a speech on the report, after which the hurches pledged to *try* to raise the amounts annexed to their names: bbott's Creek, $5.00; Big Creek, $5.00; High Point, $5.00; Hol-way, $10.00; Jersey, $5.00; Lexington, $10.00; Liberty, $5.00; ick Creek, $2.00; Marion, 50 cents; Muddy Creek, $5.00; New riendship, $5.00; Jackson's Creek, $——; Pine M. House, $5.00; leasant Grove, $5.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Summerville, $——; homasville, $5.00; Tom's Creek, $——. Prof. Reinhart pledged 5.00; then a cash collection was taken amounting to $5.69; after hich the report was adopted.

The clerk was instructed to send the Treasurer's report to B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist State Convention.

The next in order was the report on Periodicals, which was read y Bro. Farris.

Report on Periodicals.

Your Committee on Periodicals heartily recommend to every Baptist in the Association the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of our Convention; the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga. As it is a fact that the *Recorder* is an aid in building up our denomination in the State, and is indispensable as an educator in every Baptist family, therefore,

Resolved, That every pastor in the Association be requested to appoint an agent in the church over which he is pastor, to secure its increased circulation.

A. P. STOKER,
W. L. BECK,
C. S. FARRIS.

Speeches on the report were made by brethren Morton, Mills, Farris and Ray. Adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following report: That Elder A. P. Stoker would preach in the old house at 2 o'clock to-day; Elder C. S. Farris would preach in this house on to-morrow; and in the old house at the same hour Elder S. M. Brown; and at 2 o'clock in this house, Elder S. H. Thompson, and in the old house at the same hour, Elder H. Sheets.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro R. T. Hamner:

Resolved, That we heartily believe in the Sunday School work and commend it to our churches, requesting them *all* to engage in its prosecution.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
S. L. LOPP,
R. T. HAMNER.

Adopted.

The discussion of the above was postponed until to-morrow morning in Sabbath school mass meeting.

Miscellaneous.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report on

Church Letters and State of Religion as related to the organization of this body, submitted the following:

Your Committee on plan of organization submit the following: When the Association assembles the Moderator shall first appoint two committees, one on church letters, and one on finance. Then he shall have read out from the church letters the names of delegates, and the clerk enroll the same; then the letters are at once passed to the above committees, who shall take them and examine them at once; and the first named committee shall report on them by the first of the following day, all that is necessary to be brought before the Association. After the delegates are enrolled they shall elect officers and proceed with business as heretofore. All rules in conflict with above are hereby repealed.

WM. TURNER,
J. B. BOONE,
J. B. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

After some explanation the above was adopted.

It was agreed that this Association convene in its next session with the church at Summerville, Davidson county, 15 miles south of Lexington, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1884, at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder S. H. Thompson to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes; to have 600 copies printed, and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

The following report was made: That through the influence of Mrs. S. H. Thompson, a Woman's Mission Society was organized in Thomasville Female College, during 1882, and that said Society collected and sent up for Foreign Missions $18.80.

At the request of Bro. H. Sheets, the present Treasurer, the body agreed to elect another brother as treasurer. On motion, Bro. R. T. Hamner was unanimously elected.

Bro. Thompson read the following resolution in reference to Home Missions:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association *try* to raise the $65.00 apportioned to them by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted.

Appointments of Messengers to sister associations were made as follows:

To the Yadkin: H. W. Reinhart, H. Morton and R. T. Hamner.

South Yadkin: R. T. Hamner and S. H. Thompson.

Pee Dee: Henry Sheets, H. Morton, W. S. Adderton, A. L. Henderson and M. J. Leach.

Beulah: J. B. Richardson and H. W. Reinhart.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention: H. Morton, R. T. Hamner, Henry Sheets and H. W. Reinhart.

Appointed that the Moderator conduct the Sunday School Mass Meeting to-morrow morning.

Bro. R. T. Hamner moved that a resolution of thanks be tendered this community for the very hospitable manner in which this body has been entertained.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

On State Missions,	$ 5 95
On Foreign Missions,	25 75
On Education,	8 55
On Printing Minutes,	28 70
Cash on hand,	4 00
	$72 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid B. F. Montague, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, For State Missions,	$ 5 95	
For Foreign Missions,	25 75	
For Education,	8 55	
For Printing Minutes,	20 00	
For Express fee on Minutes,	70	
For Stationary and postage,	65	
For Clerk's Fee,	10 00	
		$71 60
Cash on hand,		$1 34

The business of the body being completed, the brethren and friends, while singing, took the parting hand.

Thus closed the Fiftieth Annual Session.

H. W. REINHART, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Sunday Morning.

A very large concourse of people met for the services of the day. The Sabbath School Mass Meeting was addressed by brethren W. G. Brown, H. Morton and John E. Ray.

The hour for preaching having arrived the Mass Meeting adjourned.

Elder S. M. Brown preached in this house at 11 o'clock, and S. H. Thompson in the old house. At 2 o'clock Elder W. G. Brown preached in this house and Elder Henry Sheets in the old house. The texts preached from were not all secured, hence we omit giving any. It was a day long to be remembered by those present.

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1883.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Assoc'al Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphan Asylum.	Printing Minutes.	Contributions for Sunday Schools.	Paid Minsisters in Protr'ed Meetings.	Building New Churches.	Incidental Expenses.
Abbott's Creek,....	$ 3 84	$ 5 00	$ 4 22	$15 00	$	$ 4 15	$ 1 55	$	$	$ 41 25	$
Big Creek,.........			50	1 00			1 25		9 00	2 50	
High Point,..................	2 65	5 70	25 00	7 15			1 25			12 50	
Holloway's,..................	12 13	9 41	12 00	15 25	5 25	5 87	2 45	15 06	14 20	105 50	50
Jackson's Creek,.........			2 26	1 92			75				
Jersey, ...	2 40		3 00	20 00			1 75	12 00		55 00	
Lexington, ...	10 00	10 00	5 11	10 00	6 22	5 81	2 00	25 50	15 50	600 00	8 41
Liberty,.....	3 06		3 75	5 60	4 25		2 15	7 50	18 00	20 00	
Lick Creek,.................	3 00		3 68	6 00			1 38	3 00	17 00	16 35	
Marion, ...							50			12 00	
Muddy Creek,.........	3 30	1 40	9 00	6 00		2 00	1 75		15 85	15 00	4 25
New Friendship,.	4 00		5 70	9 52			2 00		13 00	15 00	
Pine Meeting House,......		2 97	1 73	2 21		2 19	2 05	10 78	36 06	63 75	
Reed's X Roads, ...	5 00	3 00	5 37	5 00			2 00	2 27	15 00	35 00	
Summerville,...............			2 00	5 01			1 00	3 46	8 00	250 00	
Thomasville,...............			5 00	20 00		5 00	1 40	9 00		31 25	
Tom's Creek,...............		40	2 00	2 10		25	1 14				
Pleasant Grove,..........	5 00	2 50	7 73		3 43		1 95	25 00		225 57	
	$55 38	$40 38	$64 05	$131 76	$19 15	$25 27	$28 32	$113 57	$161 61	$1500 67	$13 16

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1883.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTORS' POST OFFICES.		Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismi'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Colored Members.	Total Membership	Church Meetings.	No. S. S. Scholars
Abbott's Creek,	S. H. Thompson	Lexington,	N. C.	11			3	2	4	46	89	6	141	3rd	62
Big Creek,	U. F. Haithcock	Palmersville,	‘‘							19	49		68	2nd	
High Point,	S. H. Thompson	Lexington,	‘‘		2		1		1	16	47	4	67	4th	25
Holloway's,	Henry Sheets	Salem Church,	‘‘	20	1	1	1	4	3	52	117		169	3rd	72
Jackson's Creek,	A. P. Stoker	Denton,	‘‘	4					2	9	10		19	3rd	
Jersey,	J. B. Richardson.	High Point,	‘‘	8		1	11	3	2	59	65	29	153	4th	
Lexington,	S. H. Thompson	Lexington,	‘‘	22	7		5	1		30	27		57	2nd	60
Liberty,	Wm. Turner	Salem,	‘‘	41		2	3			53	95	4	152	2nd	55
Lick Creek,	U. F. Haithcock	Palmersville,	‘‘	2				1	1	38	72	3	113	4th	30
Marion,	Supplied by B. F. Copple	Fork Church,	‘‘							10	12	1	23	4th	90
Muddy Creek,	W. G Brown	Hamptonville,	‘‘	2	1					18	59		77	2nd	51
New Friendship,	Wm Turner	Salem,	‘‘							30	64		94	1st	30
Pine Meeting House,	H. Morton	Thomasville,	‘‘	32					2	54	77		131	4th	70
Reed's X Roads,	Henry Sheets	Salem Church,	‘‘	6			1		3	40	65		105	1st	106
Summerville,	A. P. Stoker	Denton,	‘‘	8				1		19	42		61	1st	90
Thomasville,	J. B. Richardson	High Point,	‘‘		2		4	2	1	11	22		33	3rd	30
Pleasant Grove,	J. B. Richardson	High Point,	‘‘	11	8					10	29		39	1st	60
Tom's Creek,	J. F. Hodge	Pool,	‘‘	1			1		1	10	17		27	2nd	
				168	21	4	30	14	20	524	958	47	1529		831

Short Form of Church Letter.

The Baptist Church at ....

....*to the Liberty Association, for 188* .

DEAR BRETHREN: We have chosen the following Brethren to represent us in the Association, viz.: ....

....

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....*whom you will receive in love.*

Statistics of Our Church.		Contributions.	
REC'D BY BAPTISM,	....	EDUCATION,	....
REC'D BY LETTER,	....	STATE MISSIONS,	....
RESTORED,	....	FOREIGN MISSIONS,	....
DISMISSED BY LETTER,	....	ASSO'L MISSIONS,	....
EXCLUDED,	....	HOME MISSIONS,	....
DECEASED,	....	SUNDAY SCHOOLS,	....
MALES,	....	ORPHAN ASYLUM,	....
FEMALES,	....	Ministers in Prot. Meetings,	....
COLORED MEMBERS,	....	Building New Churches,	....
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP,	....	FUND FOR MINUTES,	....
NO. OF S. S. SCHOLARS,	....	OTHER OBJECTS,	....

PASTOR'S SALARY, ...

Pastor, ...

His P. O., ...

Clerk, ...

His P. O., ...

Sabbath School Supt., ...

His P. O., ...

Time of Conference, ...

Remarks, ...

...., *Moderator.*

...., *Church Clerk.*

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

SUMMERVILLE CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 21ST, 22ND AND 23RD, 1884.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

R. A. WOMMACK, M. J. LEACH, G. F. SMITH, SR., D. H. HEPLER, R. T. HAMNER.

MODERATOR:

ELDER WILLIAM TURNER, SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

CLERK:

ELDER HENRY SHEETS, SALEM CHURCH, N. C.

TREASURER:

R. T. HAMNER, LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION:

Time—Tuesday before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1885.

Place—Lexington, Davidson County, N. C.

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List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August, 1884.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	North Carolina.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	" "
Wm. H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	" "
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	" "
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	" "
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	" "
Wyatt N. Thayer,	Saunders Hill,	" "
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	" "
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	" "
S. H. Thompson,	Lexington,	" "
J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	" "
W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	" "
M. P. Beck,	Worthville,	" "

Licentiates.

H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	North Carolina.
D. C. Culbreth,	Lexington,	" "
John A. Summey,	Hannersville,	" "

Sunday School Superintendents.

Abbott's Creek,	N. W. Beeson,	High Point,	N. C.
Big Creek,	Joel Henderson,	Eldorado,	"
High Point,	J. H. Holton,	High Point,	"
Holloway's	H. J. Palmer.	Silver Hill,	"
Jersey, Members engaged in Branch School.			
Lexington,	R. T. Hamner,	Lexington,	"
Liberty,	J. A. Summey,	Hannersville,	"
Lick Creek,	Stokes Carrick,	Bringle's,	"
Marion,	C. S. Farris,	Lexington,	"
Muddy Creek,	D. F. Kinney,	Clemmonsville,	"
New Friendship,	S. A. Hege,	Salem,	"
Jackson's Creek,			
Pine Meeting House,	W. C. Grubb,	Bridge,	"
Pleasant Grove,	J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	"
Reed's X Roads,	W. B. Hunt,	Lexington,	"
Summerville,	Robt. Tysinger,	Denton,	"
Thomasville,	H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	"
Tom's Creek.			

PROCEEDINGS.

SUMMERVILLE CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 21st, 1884.

The Liberty Association convened in its Fifty-first Annual Session with this Church, to-day.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. H. Thompson, from I. Cor., 16 : 13 : "Quit you like men."

After an intermission of one hour, the body was called together by the Moderator.

In accordance with a resolution passed last year by this body, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON CHURCH LETTERS AND ARRANGEMENTS—D. C. Culbreth, N. W. Beeson and G. F. Smith, Sr.

ON FINANCE—R. A. Wommack, R. T. Hamner and Chas. E. Idol.

The roll of churches was then called and the names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

ABBOTT'S CREEK—John Teague, N. W. Beeson and Wm. Clinard.

BIG CREEK—G. W. Henderson and Joel Henderson.

HOLLOWAY'S—James I. Stoner, John F. Carrick and Willie F. Stoner.

HIGH POINT—A. C. Jones.

JACKSON'S CREEK—Thos. Lambeth, Farley Cody and C. F. Pierce.

JERSEY—G. F. Smith, Sr., L. A. Smith and H. V. Miller.

LEXINGTON—R. T. Hamner, D. C. Culbreth and C. W. Trice.

LIBERTY—S. S. Lambeth and Wisdom Miller.

LICK CREEK—Jas. H. Daniel, W. P. Redwine and Peter Cross.

MARION—No letter.

MUDDY CREEK—E. C. Rominger and Chas. E. Idol.

NEW FRIENDSHIP—A. P. Snider and Andrew Sink.

PINE MEETING HOUSE—R. S. Swicegood and W. C. Grubb.

PLEASANT GROVE—M. P. Beck and J. S. Beck.

REED'S X ROADS—J. H. Walser, W. B. Hunt and W. W. Myers.

SUMMERVILLE—W. N. Kinney, Wm. Gallimore and John H. Greer.

THOMASVILLE—A. V. D. Leigh and H. W. Reinhart.

TOM'S CREEK—Samson Newson, Marshall Nance and H. L. Gallimore.

After the enrollment of delegates' names the body proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Eld. Wm. Turner for Moderator and Eld. Henry Sheets, for Clerk.

The Moderator, upon taking the chair, thanked the brethren for this expression of kindness, and asked the co-operation of the brethren in the prosecution of the Lord's work.

Visiting brethren were then invited to report themselves, whereupon Bro. Samuel Beeker, from the South Yadkin, Eld. John F. Hodge, from the Rocky River, Eld. J. H. Booth, from the Raleigh, and Eld. C. S. Farris, corresponding editor of *Biblical Recorder*, reported and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

On motion, it was agreed that the Moderator appoint two persons on each committee, instead of three, as usual.

The following appointment of committees was made:

ON EDUCATION—H. W. Reinhart and N. W. Beeson.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—R. A. Wommack, S. S. Lambeth.

PERIODICALS—S. H. Thompson and D. C. Culbreth.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. H. Booth and A. E. Prim.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—H. Morton and James I. Stoner.

STATE MISSIONS—C. S. Farris and A. V. D. Leigh.

TEMPERANCE—H. W. Reinhart and C. F. Smith, Sr.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—R. T. Hamner and C. E. Idol.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor, deacons and delegates of this church.

The Moderator appointed the ordained ministers of this association a committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, it was ordered that the association adjourn each day at 11:30 o'clock, in order to hear a sermon.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. C. S. Farris.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 22nd.

Religious exercises were conducted by Eld. H. Morton.

The chair announced the body ready for business.

Bro. D. C. Culbreth read the

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS AND ARRANGEMENTS.

Dear Brethren: We, the undersigned, committee appointed to report on Church Letters and Arrangements, recommend that the business be taken up in the following order, to wit:

1. Read minutes of preceding day.
2. Read Constitution and Rules of Order.
3. Extend invitation to visitors.
4. Invite new churches to unite with us.
5. Hear report of committee appointed to nominate Executive Committee.
6. Hear report of Historical Committee.
7. Report on Ministerial Support.

8. Report on Temperance.
9. Hear report of Executive Committee and Missionaries.
10. Hear report on Associational Missions.
11. Report on State Missions.
12. Hear report on Foreign Missions.
13. Report on Education.
14. Report on Periodicals.
15. Report of Committee on Finance.
16. Report on Sabbath Schools.
17. Appoint time and place and preacher for next session.
18. Hear from correspondents to sister associations.
19. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention and messengers to sister associations.
20. Appoint some one to have minutes printed and distributed.
21. Miscellaneous.

After carefully examining the church letters we find it impossible to form any definite idea as to the spiritual condition of the churches, but from the fact that our body opened with a much larger delegation than usual, we believe the prospect is brightening. However, you will form an idea for yourselves after hearing the report of the committee on finance. There have been 94 additions by baptism and 31 by letter. There have been dismissed by letter 35; excluded 29. We have lost by death 25. The total gain for the year is 46. The total membership is 1575. Four of the churches report no Sabbath school. Two churches report Sabbath schools, but do not give the number enrolled. Some churches which report no schools are engaged in Sunday School work at various mission points. We are sorry to report that there is a falling off from last year, and it is evident that this very important christian work is sadly neglected in many parts of the association. We find nothing of special importance in the letters to which we can call your attention. Lexington and Abbott's Creek churches ask the association to meet with them next year. Pleasant Grove Church at Randleman, of which Bro. Richardson is pastor, is in the midst of a glorious meeting. More than 20 have professed conversion, and the interest is very deep. They ask that we pray for them. We recommend that the association unite in a special prayer for the pastor, church and congregation at Pleasant Grove. We also recommend Bro. Samuel Beeker, who comes with a letter from Salisbury Church, and that he be permitted at the proper time to present the claims of Salisbury church.

Respectfully submitted,
D. C. CULBRETH,
N. W. BEESON,
G. F. SMITH, Sr.,
Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the church at Pleasant Grove, the Chair asked Eld. Thompson to lead the body in prayer.

Visting brethren were asked to report, whereupon Eld. W. M. Bostick, of the Pee Dee, and Benjamin Lanier, Jr., of the Sandy Creek Association, reported and were cordially invited to seats by the Chair.

An invitation was given to newly constituted churches to unite with us.

The committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the ensuing year reported: "They recommend that the present Committee be continued." Report adopted.

The *Historical Sketch* was read by Eld. H. Sheets.

On motion, it was ordered to append the same to the minutes.

The Committee on Ministerial Support was allowed further time in which to make its report.

Eld. Thompson read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There is no greater power in the land than the printing press, and no greater agency of the press than the weekly newspaper. And in the opinion of your committee, no one agency (the ministry excepted) is doing a greater work to up-build the Lord's cause in North Carolina than the *Recorder*. As an educator, as a dispenser of the truth, as a helper to the pastor, it is an efficient instrument in the Lord's work. We heartily recommend the *Recorder* to all our people, and urge the pastors to use their influence to put it in every family in our churches. We would also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. THOMPSON,
D. C. CULBRETH.

Pending the motion to adopt, speeches were made by Brothers Thompson, Sheets, Hodge, Culbreth, Reinhart and Farris. At the close of the discussion Bro. Farris secured a great many names as subscribers to the *Recorder*.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Eld. J. H. Booth occupied the pulpit. At the close of the sermon the body adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on associational missions was deferred until another hour.

The Moderator appointed S. H. Thompson and Henry Sheets a committee on home missions.

Elder Farris read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our history as a denomination in the State, during the past decade, shows large increase in the number of efficient Baptist Churches organized, new houses of worship built, and the number of souls added to our churches, whilst many destitute fields have been occupied and the truth as held by the Baptists is preached where before it had not been known. For this progress we owe much to our State Mission work. Under the blessing of God this work has increased from year to year till now all over the State our missionaries are proclaiming the gospel. Every year the Board has gone up to the Convention out of debt, and this has encouraged them to undertake more for Christ in the year succeeding. There is, however, now a large debt on the Board in consequence of unpaid pledges. Shall we not pay them in order that we may still go forward? We are doing a great work; why should it cease? Your committee recommend that a liberal and cheerful contribution be made by this association that its pledge of $100 may be redeemed.

C. S. FARRIS,
A. V. D. LEIGH,
Committee.

Pending the motion to adopt, stirring speeches were made by Elds. A. G. McManaway and S. H. Thompson, at the close of which a cash collection was taken amounting to $12.64. The churches also pledged themselves to *try* to raise during next year for State Missions, the following amounts: Abbott's Creek, $10.00; Big Creek, $5.00; Holloway's, $10.00; High Point, $5.00; Jersey, $10.00; Lexington, $12.50; Liberty, $2.50; Lick Creek, $5.00; Marion, $——; Muddy Creek, $5.00; New Friendship, $5.00; Jackson's Creek, $2.00; Pine M. House, $5.00; Pleasant Grove, $5.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Summerville, $2.50; Thomasville, $5.00; Tom's Creek, $2.50; S. H. Thompson, $3.00. Total, $100.

Report adopted.

Elder Thompson read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention has only two Boards; one working in foreign lands called the Foreign Board; the other, called the Home Board, occupies the destitute sections of the Southern States and Indian Territory. Its fields of labor are the large cities of the South and the destitute section of Texas, and other States unoccupied by the State Boards. It also sustains missionaries among the Indians in the Indian Territory. A new department, called the Church Building Department, has just been organized and is doing an efficient work in helping needy churches to procure houses of worship. The great work before this Board and its present needs demand of every church in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention to come to its aid. Realizing this demand and these needs, your committee recommend to the churches that they give to this Board their hearty support and co-operation.

S. H. THOMPSON,
HENRY SHEETS.

After a speech by Bro. McManaway, the report was adopted.

Elder Booth read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, the followers of the blessed Jesus, are commanded by Him to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and the command of our Saviour, that all things whatsoever He has commanded be taught to those who have been made disciples of, makes it clear, beyond a reasonable doubt, that this commission is binding upon every man and woman who loves the Lord Jesus. In the foreign, as well as the home work, we see the Lord in Christ Jesus reconciling the world unto Himself, and He hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Whilst it may not be that the Lord will call and open the way for any of us to "go" into the foreign field in person, though not at all impossible, yet, we all can, by giving of our money, attended by our prayers, perform an essential part of the work, and thus meet the obligation resting upon us.

Taken altogether, the outlook on the foreign field was perhaps never so hopeful as now. Seven new missionaries have just been appointed to enter right away upon the work, and others expect to enter next year, two of whom are North Carolinians, to wit: Brethren D. W. Herring and R. T. Bryan. So the time has come when we should take renewed interest in, and enlarge our contributions to, foreign missions.

J. H. BOOTH,
A. E. PRIM,
Committee.

It was ordered to make the consideration of the above report the special order for 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It was agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at Lexington, Davidson county, commencing on Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1885; Eld. Richardson to preach the introductory sermon.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That this association endorse the effort that is now being made to establish a *North Carolina Baptist Orphans' Asylum*.

Speeches were made on the resolution by Bros. Booth, McManaway, Sheets, Farris, Reinhart and Thompson. Pending the motion to adopt, it was laid on the table until after dinner to-morrow.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 23d, 9 o'clock.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Rev. D. C. Culbreth.

Moderator Turner in the chair, who delivered some very appropriate remarks upon the associational work.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, speeches were limited to 15 minutes.

Report on foreign missions called for and read by clerk.

The report was discussed by Elds. S. H. Thompson, M. P. Beck, H. Morton and H. Sheets; after which pledges were made by the delegates that each church would *try* to raise the following amounts: Abbott's Creek, $5.00; Big Creek, $2.50; High Point, $5.00; Holloway's, $10.00; Jackson's Creek, $1.00; Jersey, $15.00; Lexington, $10.00; Liberty, $——; Lick Creek, $5.00; Marion, $——; Muddy Creek, $5.00; New Friendship, $5.00; Pine M. House, $5.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Summerville, $2.50; Tom's Creek, $1.00; Elder H. Morton, $2.50; Elder M. P. Beck, $1.50; Elder B. Lanier, $1.00; W. C. Grubb, $1.00; Elder S. H. Thompson, $2.50; John H. Greer, $1.00; David Smith, $1.00; Wm. T. Kearns, $1.00; Eld. W. H. Hamner, $1.00; Mrs. Rebecca Sheets, 50 cents; Mrs. Mary Kearns, 50 cents; Mrs. Henry Sheets, $1.00; Wm. Hodge, $1.00; H. Sheets, $1.00; Foreign Missionary Society of Thomasville Female College, to educate a girl in China, $18.00. Amount pledged, $110.50. Public collection for foreign missions, $4.70.

Report adopted.

Bro. R. A. Wommack responded to call to read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

I. As the preacher should "live by the gospel," the churches over which he is pastor should adequately contribute to his support, so that he may give his time wholly to the study and preaching of the Word.

II. The church letters show conclusively that most of our pastors obtain so little for their services that they are forced to secular work to supplement their salaries. And the complaint comes up that even the small amount promised is not paid. On this point we call attention of delinquent churches to the following passage from God's Word: "And thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the mornihg."—Lev. xix: 13.

III. In view of the above facts we insist on more liberality on the part of the churches towards the support of those men whom God has called to proclaim His gospel. Christ honors them who honor His servants, for He says in His Word, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

R. A. WOMMACK.

Remaks on this most excellent report were made by M. P. Beck, S. H. Thompson, W. M. Bostick, H. Sheets, J. H. Booth, John Teague, G. F. Smith, Sr., and N. W. Beeson, after which the report was adopted.

Salisbury and Big Creek churches, each having a debt hanging over them, were commended to the liberality of the brethren and friends.

At half past eleven o'clock Eld. C. S. Farris occupied the pulpit. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order. Elder B. Lanier appointed to preach in the Grove. Special order taken up—a resolution endorsing the establishment of a *Baptist Orphans' Home*. After some remarks it was adopted. The report on temperance was postponed to be considered last this evening.

The report of Executive Committee was read before the body and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Board beg leave to report that they have had Bros. Sheets, Morton, Culbreth and Copple employed as missionaries within the association, whose reports please find with this report. There has been sent up from the churches $145.64, and collected on the field $67.67. We also hand in Treasurer's report, which shows a balance on hand of $3.29. Some of the churches have done nobly in sending up funds for this purpose, while others have done comparatively nothing. The reports of missionaries show that the work is growing, and will need renewed effort on the part of churches to extend the work. Your Board respectfully submit this report and ask that the churches increase their contributions for this purpose, that we may be enabled to push the work into other destitute points that we have been unable to occupy heretofore for the want of funds.

R. A. WOMMACK, Chairman,
R. T. HAMNER, Secretary,
G. F. SMITH, Sr.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Dear Brethren: I have preached once a month with other extra labor at Wiley's Grove this year, and am glad to say that our labor has not been in vain. I was aided by Bro. E. S. Alderman in a protracted meeting in which there was quite a number of inquirers of the way of salvation, three public professions and three applicants for baptism. I have spent 33 days, preached 30 sermons, visited 37 families, raised on the field $18.75. Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON.

Dear Brethren: I have been preaching monthly at Piney Grove S. H. The interest has continued to grow at this point. We have every reason to thank God for what we have been able to do there. The Sunday school which was organized when I first commenced work there, two years ago, has continued to grow in interest all the time, and has never gone into winter quarters. The average attendance for the year has been very flattering indeed. Have bought a new library and Sunday school books. Bro. Alderman preached for me five days, and, while there was but one to profess conversion, we think great good was done. The christians all say they were greatly benefited by his earnest and faithful preaching. We have not preached there with a view to organization, but Jersey and Holloway's churches both recognize that this is a very important point which they have never been able to reach. It will be remembered that we had a very precious revival there last year, which added largely to the membership of these churches. I have also been preaching at Kernersville. The prospect there is very flattering in many respects. We will organize a church there with nine members the fifth Sabbath in this month (August). We have the offer of several good building lots in the town, and christians of all denominations propose to help us build our house, which we hope to be able to build next year. The association should give this point their hearty support. I have agreed to preach for them the remainder of the year, and they promise to do all in their power to redeem my time. I have collected from the field during the year, for my services, $39.92 ; for Bro. Alderman, at Piney Grove, $10.00 ; for Sunday school purposes, $13.00.

Respectfully submitted,
D. C. CULBRETH, Missionary.

DEAR BRETHREN : I am glad to say that our work at Oak Hill is, under the blessing of God, growing steadily. I have given regular monthly preaching (Saturday and Sabbath) there this year. In September last I held a meeting of days, aided by Bro. Turner. There was but one profession, but I feel satisfied that much good was accomplished in the establishment of gospel truth. Quite a number express themselves as in sympathy with our work there. I will hold a protracted meeting there next month, if the Lord will, when I hope to be able to receive candidates for baptism. We are looking around to secure a sit eon which to build a house for the Lord. I have preached 32 sermons, held 5 prayer-meetings, visited 30 families religiously, collected for Bro. Turner in meeting, $10.00 ; on my own salary, from field, $19.03. Brethren, I feel much encouraged in the work at that point.

Yours in Christ,
HENRY SHEETS.

DEAR BRETHREN : I will give you a statement of my work from the first of November, 1883, to the present time. I failed one regular meeting at Marion during this year. I have had good attendance. There is a greater interest manifested by the people who live near the church now than there was a short time ago. We have a Sunday school this year, but not so large as last year. But we think it is alive and doing good. During the last ten months I have preached 32 sermons, held 13 prayer-meetings, received from field, $13.10.

Yours in Christ,
B. F. COPPLE.

After the reading of the above reports, associational missions were discussed by Bros. Thompson, Booth, Morton, Sheets and Culbreth. Adopted.

The churches pledged the following amounts for associational missions: Abbott's Creek, $15.00; Big Creek, $2.50; High Point, $5.00; Holloway's, $15.00; Jackson's Creek, $1.00; Jersey, $15.00; Lexington, $10.00; Liberty, $5.00; Lick Creek, $5.00; Marion, $—— Muddy Creek, $6.00; Pine M. House, $10.00; Reed's X Roads, $10.00; Summerville, $5.00; Thomasville, $——; Tom's Creek, $1.00; Pleasant Grove, $1.50; S. H. Thompson, $6.00; H. Sheets, $3.00; A. E. Prim, $5.00; C. W. Trice, $5.00.

Prof. Reinhart was called upon to read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Year after year reports and speeches have been made, pressing home upon the conviction of those Baptists who hear and read these reports and speeches, the urgent duty of giving our children the best education they are capable of receiving and we are able to give them, and yet we lag behind and fail to appreciate the importance of christian education, as a mighty factor in advancing the cause of Christ in the world. The history of the church in all ages, from Paul's day down to the present time, proves the power of sanctified learning, and that it is the will of God that we should "grow in knowledge" as well as in grace, and thereby increase our usefulness. And yet the Baptist hosts seem unwilling to make the sacrifices necessary to educate their children. And yet we have done much in this direction, as a denomination. Wake Forest is amply endowed, and stands in all respects foremost among the schools of the land, and all she needs is boys; shall we not send them? Thomasville Female College, with greatly increased facilities and a new and excellent faculty, and other schools at our very doors, call loudly for boys and girls to train for enlarged christian usefulness. The work of preparing our young men, called of God to preach the unsearchable riches, and not possessing the means to pay their own way, ought to be dear to our hearts, and call forth increasing liberality. Wake Forest has had some 38 of these young brethren the last year, but their expenses have not been met by the churches. Shall they stop? We hope not. But above all, we earnestly urge our brethren to have a school under the shadow of every Baptist church in our association in charge of a good Baptist teacher.

H. W. REINHART,
N. W. BEESON.

Remarks were submitted by Bros. Reinhart and Thompson; after which the following pledges for education were made: Abbott's Creek, $5.00; Big Creek, $——; Holloway's, $10.00; High Point, $——; Jackson's Creek, $——; Jersey, $10.00; Lexington, $10.00; Liberty, $5.00; Lick Creek, $——; Marion, $——; Muddy Creek, $5.00; New Friendship, $5.00; Pine M. House, $5.00; Reed's X Roads, $5.00; Summerville, $2.00; Tom's Creek, $——; Pleasant Grove, $——; W. P. Redwine, $1.00.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren: It is the pleasure of your committee to report that, according to the letters, 14 of our churches are now engaged in this noble christian work. This is a step in the right direction, being one of progress. We earnestly recommend that every church do all in their power to organize and keep in operation good Sunday schools, not only in their own churches, but also in all destitute sections, and that they use pure Baptist literature in all cases,

R. T. HAMNER,
C. E. IDOL,
Committee.

The above report adopted; and to be discussed to-morrow morning in Sabbath school mass-meeting.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To amount for State Missions,	$15.67
" " " Foreign Missions,	34.00
" " " Education,	14.00
" " " Minutes,	28.32
" " from former Treasurer,	1.35
	$93.34

Cr.

By amt. pd. B. F. Montague, T. B. S. C., for State Missions,	$15.67	
" " " O. F. Gregory, Foreign Missions,	34.00	
" " " Clerk of Association (fee),	10.00	
" " " B. F. Montague, T. B. S. C., for Education,	14.00	
" " " Express fee on Minutes.	90	
" " " for printing Minutes,	18.00	
" " " for postage, stationery, &c.,	80	
		$93.37
Paid out an excess of,		.03

On motion, the report was received.

The Chair appointed the following brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: S. H. Thompson, H. W. Reinhart, G. F. Smith, Sr., D. C. Culbreth, J. N. Stallings, Henry Sheets and H. Morton.

On motion, it was agreed that any brother who attends any sister association be regarded as a correspondent of this association.

Appointed that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes —600 in number—and that he be allowed $12.50 for the same, including the work on Historical Sketch.

Bro. Reinhart read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Paul "reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, and Felix trembled."—Acts xxiv., 25. Among the works of the flesh are "murders, drunkenness, revelings and such like." "They which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."—GAL. v., 21. One of the fruits of the Spirit is temperance.—GAL. v., 23. Peter exhorts to give all diligence to add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance.—2 PETER I., 6. "Let your moderation be known unto all men."—PHIL. IV., 5. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."—1. COR , IX., 25. The Saviour taught us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Who will deny that Satan, the great Tempter, has no mightier agency for the destruction of human souls than strong drink? What more is needed to prove that christians, who ought to be the salt of the earth, are required of God to practice, teach and foster temperance in all things in every way in their power, that the Church should be the grand temperance army of the world? H. W. REINHART,

G. F. SMITH, SR.

The lateness of the hour prevented the discussion of this timely and all-important report. It was adopted without remarks.

The committee on arrangements reported that Elder W. Bostick would occupy the pulpit to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder J. H. Booth at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The business of the body being ended, Capt. C. W. Trice offered the following resolution of thanks:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the church and community for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of the association.

At the close of this very harmonious session, as the brethren and sisters sang a sweet song, we all took the parting hand, amid tears, and many a "God bless you" was showered upon each other.

WM. TURNER, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, CLERK.

SABBATH MORING, August 24th, 1884.

The weather was favorable. Early in the morning large crowds came from every direction. It was nearly 10 o'clock when the Sabbath school mass-meeting was opened. Speeches were made by several brethren, endorsing the Sunday school work, and urging the churches to go forward and build up schools. At the close of this meeting we adjourned to the grove to hear preaching. Eld. W. M. Bostick preached to a large and orderly congregation, from Matthew, sixth chapter and part of tenth verse: "Thy kingdom come." Just before this service, a collection was taken to pay debt on Summerville church, amounting to $11.76.

After a recess of one hour the people reassembled, and heard a sermon from Eld. J. H. Booth, from Heb., XII., 14: "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

The sermons were listened to with pleasure and profit, and we all felt glad for that day.

Financial Table Showing Amonts Paid by each Church During the Year Ending August, 1884.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphan Asylum.	Minute Fund.	Sabbath. Schools.	Ministers in Protracted Meetings.	Building Churches.	Pastor's Salaries.	Incidental expenses and other objects.	Woman's Miss. Society
Abbott's Creek,	$4 25	$8 16	$5 60	$15 17	$2 50	$3 60	$2 05	$3 20	$10 00	$	$100 00	$	$8 19
Big Creek,			3 65	5 00			95		9 00	435 70	40 00		
High Point,		5 56		4 25			1 00			145 00			
Holloway's,	13 39	10 00	12 00	16 67	5 00	18 70	2 00	5 00	12 00	20 00	100 00	5 00	
Jackson's Creek,							1 40						
Jersey,	2 60	1 70	2 00	21 32			1 00		25 00		150 00		
Lexington,	11 02	12 56	9 32	10 84	10 82	7 38	1 75	30 00	22 00		145 93	180 08	6 50
Liberty,	5 69	2 00		6 00			1 71	4 00	7 61		61 15	50	
Lick Creek,				3 25			2 35		24 00		60 00	15 25	
Marion,							50		3 00		13 00		
Muddy Creek,	4 20	5 05	5 85	5 75		4 00	1 60	2 30		17 25			
New Friendship,	5 50		12 26	6 50			3 33	1 60	13 11		100 00	1 00	
Pine Meeting House,		2 90	3 81	8 74			1 83	4 85	15 30		100 00	25 00	
Pleasant Grove,	1 50	17 80		1 50			1 50	9 00		5 60	100 00		
Reed's X Roads,	3 30	5 00	5 00	5 00			2 00	1 55	10 25		100 00		
Summerville,				1 97			1 10		16 21	100 00			
Thomasville,*	50	6 30	1 60	15 00		10 00	1 35		5 00	17 00	63 00		
Tom's Creek,			30	30			1 15						
	$51 95	$77 03	$61 39	$127 26	$18 32	$43 68	$28 57	$61 50	$172 48	$840 55	$1133 08	$226 83	$14 69

*Foreign Missionary Society, of Thomasville Female College, raised $16.00.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTORS' P. O.		Baptised.	Rec. by letter	Restored.	Dis. by letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Col. Memb'rs	Total Membership.	S. S. Scholars	Church Meetings.
Abbott's Creek,	S. H. Thompson	Lexington,	N. C.	..	..	..	3	3	2	41	88	6	135	62	3rd
Big Creek,	U. F. Haithcock	Palmersville,	"	4	..	..	..	1	1	21	50	..	71	...	2nd
High Point,	No Pastor	....		3	5	..	2	..	4	19	48	3	70	...	4th
Holloway's,	Henry Sheets	Salem Church,	"	17	..	..	4	1	3	58	118	..	176	35	3rd
Jackson's Creek,	A. P. Stoker	Denton,	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	10	..	19	...	3rd
Jersey,	S. H. Thompson	Lexington,	"	17	3	..	7	10	3	53	64	22	139	...	1st
Lexington,	S. H. Thompson	Lexington,	"	14	4	..	..	..	1	42	40	..	82	70	2nd
Liberty,	Wm. Turner	Salem,	"	4	..	..	..	1	3	53	94	3	150	50	2nd
Lick Creek,	U. F. Haithcock	Palmersville,	"	2	..	..	2	..	2	39	75	2	116	30	4th
Marion,	Sup. by B. F. Copple.	Fork Church,	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	12	1	23	...	4th
Muddy Creek,	Wm. Turner	Salem,	"	..	..	..	..	1	2	18	56	..	74	41	3rd
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner	Salem,	"	11	..	1	2	2	2	30	70	..	100	24	1st
Pine Meeting House,	Henry Sheets	Salem Church,	"	14	1	..	2	3	1	55	83	..	138	70	4th
Reed's X Roads,	Henry Sheets	Salem Church,	"	1	..	..	..	4	..	40	62	..	102	155	1st
Summerville,	A. P. Stoker	Denton,	"	6	..	..	..	1	..	20	46	..	66	50	1st
Pleasant Grove,	J. B. Richardson	High Point,	"	..	11	..	4	1	1	12	32	..	44	...	4th
Thomasville,	H. Morton	Thomasville,	"	..	6	..	1	..	..	11	25	..	36	...	....
Tom's Creek,	J. F. Hodge	Pool,	"	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	16	..	26	...	2nd
				..	30	1	27	29	25	541	989	37	1567	587	

APPENDIX.

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted by this body two years ago at its session at Muddy Creek:

WHEREAS, The next session of this association will be its Fiftieth Anniversary; and whereas, it is important that its present membership be informed of its origin, history and the difficulties which it has encountered in the Lord's work; therefore,

Resolved, That one or more brethren be appointed to prepare an historical sketch of its origin and progress, and read the same before the association at its next annual session.

In accordance with the above, we have prepared the following

Historical Sketch of the Origin and Progress of Liberty Association.

ORIGIN.

The origin of the Liberty Association is found in the prosperity and continued extension of Baptist principles in North Carolina. In 1751, Shubal Stearns, a native of Boston, Mass., espoused the principles held and advocated by Baptists; and in the same year was baptised, in Tolland, Conn. He soon felt impressions to go to Virginia to preach, as he believed, to that people. Accordingly, in 1754, he taveled with a few friends to Berkly, in Virgina; but not meeting with the success which he expected, he moved from thence to Guilford county (now Randolph), N. C., and settled on Sandy Creek, where he built a meeting house, organized a church, and called it Sandy Creek. This little church of 16 members, under the blessing of God, soon swelled to 106. "The church soon began to spread her branches in every direction."

Mr. Benedict says: "From Sandy Creek went the word and great was the company that published it." Several chrches had been constituted, when, in January, 1758, they were organized into an association, and was styled the

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.

This body continued to grow until it became large and unwieldy. On the 28th day of October, 1815, it took into consideration the propriety of dividing into two associations; which was done by all the churches on the south-west side of Deep river joining in a body, which was called the Pee Dee Association. It was said, "They were actuated by the same missionary spirit or zeal for the Lord of hosts and love for immortal souls which actuated Shubal Stearns and his brethren, and diffused itself throughout the parent association." Consequently, at the first session they resolved to appoint John Culpepper and Bennet Solomon, corresponding secretaries to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions; and messengers to the general meeting of correspondence. Like the parent association, this experienced many vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity, but continued to increase in members and churches untill 825, when a number of churches, forming the western portions of Sandy Creek and Pee Dee Associations, met at Liberty Meeting-House, Davidson county, N. C., and organized the

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION ASSOCIATION,

(Now anti-missionary). This association continued to work for the spread of the gospel as the others had done, increasing in membership and usefulness until 1832, when, at its session for that year, at Mt. Tabor Meeting-House, in Randolph county, a few miles east from Asheboro, an unfortunate division took place. The difficulty began in several of the churches before the meeting of the association. Some of the churches were divided and sent two letters and two sets of delegates, each claiming to be *the* church. All was confusion and disorder. Eld. Eli Carroll said: "The majority of Lick Creek church had declared all who held with the Bible Societies, Missionary Societies or Sabbath schools, to be out of their fellowship." The North Carolina Baptist State Convention had been named frequently and objected to. John Culpepper then explained the object of the convention to be—

"I. To encourage itinerant preaching and supply destitute churches in our State with preaching.

"II. To afford assistance to our Baptist brethren in Burmah, who were preaching the gospel to that people.

"III. To aid our poor young ministers in the attainment of learning and Biblical knowledge."

"Eld. Jesse Sewell said: "The ground on which he was disowned by the majority at Tom's Creek church was that he had given one dollar to aid the Birman mission, and attended the Baptist State Convention."

Isaiah Spurgin said: "That he had no fellowship with any of these institutions."

A vote was then taken, by which the majority declared all out of fellowship who held with and supported the Bible and Missionary Societies and Sabbath schools, after which the minority retired from the house. Prior to this time there was no division of sentiment on missions or Sabbath schools; but on the other hand they were encouraged by resolution and otherwise. Hence, it is readily seen that those who favor missions, Sabbath schools, &c., are the Primitive Baptists.

The churches and parts of churches thus disowned by the majority, came together in a large tent, says Eld. B. Lanier, who was present, and organized themslves into a body for the transaction of business, by electing Wm. Burch, Moderator, and Eld. Peter Owen, Clerk. This organization took place at Mt. Tabor, Randolph county, N. C., on the 24th day of September, 1832.

There were only seven churches represented in this body, viz.:

Lick Creek, Jersey, Abbott's Creek, Tom's Creek, Jamestown (now High Point), Liberty and Holloway's; with a total membership of 159 and minute fund of $5.40. This newly organized body was called the

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

And now we will consider briefly its

PROGRESS.

In their early struggles for existence, the Spirit of the Lord was with them to confirm and strengthen. This little body of earnest workers met again, at Jamestown, Guilford county, on the 17th day of November, 1832, and continued in session three days, when their number had been increased to twenty-three. At their second session they met with the church at Holloway's, and numbered 270; and during the following associational year they baptised 307, making a total of 570. It was during this year that Jersey added to her membership 163 by baptism.

From 1834 to 1877, a period of upwards of 40 years, the body made no very material progress. During that time it added 14 churches and 712 members. Three of the churches, Greensboro, Salisbury and Stoker's Chapel were, for various reasons, dropped from the list of churches. It is rather remarkable, when we remember that one of the causes of the unhappy division between the Baptists was that of Sabbath schools, that they failed so signally in keeping up schools. It seems that they received little or no attention for many years. In 1745, the committee appointed to write on Sabbath schools, did not know of a single schools within the bounds. And even in 1851, we find there were only two or three school and they were kept up irregularly. No statistics of Sabbath schools were reported until 1871. The interest seemed to revive for a while only to wane, until 1878, when we find 8 schools reported with 587 scholars. The institution has been fostered to that extent that last year 14 out of 18 churches had good schools, besides several branch schools carried on under the influence and direction of the churches. Last year 831 officers and scholars were enrolled.

THE CAUSE OF MISSIONS

Was not so much neglected as that of Sabbath schools. The first account of mission work reported was in 1837. Elder Barton Roby traveled as missionary within our bounds 80 days. From this time forward up to 1861, the beginning of the late war, we find that various brethren served under appointment as missionaries. Elders Barton Roby, Benjamin Lanier, Azariah Williams, William Turner, Richard Jacks, W. N. Herriford and Amos Weaver, all did efficient mission work. They preached on the subject and did all in their power to keep the missionary spirit aglow. Their labors were not in vain, for the brethren gave liberally and cheerfully of their money, not only to associational missions, but to State and Foreign. In 1856 the brethren pledged the churches for the support of missions as we do now, and as a result, four missionaries did work that year as associational missionaries. And through the instrumentality of these devoted and self-sacrificing men of God many precious souls were born into the kingdom of Christ.

During and after the war, there was a lull in this department of the Lord's work for fifteen or more years. Several attempts had been made to revive the mission work again, but it was not until 1877, when the body in session at Big Creek that year, through its Executive Board, matured and put into operation a plan which has kept up the missionary spirit ever since. Since that time we have not failed to have a missionary in the field for a part of his time, and for the last two years there have been six missionaries doing work within our bounds, though two of them looked to the State Board for their salaries. Since 1871, the body has gained in membership 306, and now (1883,) numbers 1529, and in churches 2. That year it reported for the objects of the convention $15.55; last year it reported $2,155.70 for all objects; a gain of $2,140.15, or a yearly gain of nearly $162.

Formerly, only a few of the churches contributed to the objects of the convention; now every church is doing something. Indeed, the development is such that most of our churches would refuse to call for pastor a minister who is known to neglect the teaching of duty. And in nearly every church, God is raising up young men who are interested in the welfare of their respective churches—young men of strong and vigorous minds, who are ever ready to assist their pastors in every good work. They are standing abreast of God's most faithful workers and helping to lead His mighty hosts on to victory.

HENRY SHEETS.

A Complete List of the Officers of the Liberty Association from the Date of Its Organization until Its Session, August, 1883.

In organization at Mt. Tabor, Randolph county, N. C., Sept. 24th, 1832.—Moderator, Elder Wm. Burch; Clerk, Eld. Peter Owen.

November, 1832.—Moderator, Eld. Wm. Burch; Clerk, Elder Peter Owen.

1833–1840.—Moderator, Elder Eli Carroll; Clerk, Elder Peter Owen.

1841.—Moderator, Licentiate Gershom Tussey; Clerk, Elder Peter Owen.

1842–1850.—Moderator, Eld. Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1851–1852.—Moderator, Eld. Wm. Turner; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1853.—Moderator, Eld. Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1254.—Moderator, Layman Joseph Spurgin ; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1855–1856.—Moderator, Elder Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Elder Azariah Williams.

1857–1858—Moderator, Eld. Amos Weaver; Clerk, Elder Azariah Williams.

1859.—Moderator, Eld. Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Layman J. H. Owen.

1860.—Moderator, Elder Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1861–1863.—Moderator, Eld. J. B. Jackson; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1864.—Moderator, Elder Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Eld. Azariah Williams.

1865.—No session of association on account of disorganized condition of the country at close of the war.

1866–1868.—Moderator, Eld. Benjamin Lanier; Clerk, Layman J. H. Owen.

1869–1871.—Moderator, Elder Wm. Turner; Clerk, Layman J. H. Owen.

1872.—Moderator, Eld. J. H. Brooks; Clerk, Layman J. L. Pleasant.

1873.—Moderator, Eld. H. Morton ; Clerk, Eld. Thomas Carrick.

1874–1876.—Moderator, Eld. Wm. Turner; Clerk, Eld. Thomas Carrick.

1877.—Moderator, Eld. Wm. Turner; Clerk, Eld. H. Sheets.

1878–1883.—Moderator, Prof. H. W. Reinhart; Clerk, Elder Henry Sheets.

RECAPITULATION—MODERATORS.

1.	Elder William Burch	was Moderator,	1	Year.
2.	Elder Eli Carroll,	“ “	9	“
3.	Licentiate Gershom Tussey	“ “	1	“
4.	Elder Benjamin Lanier	“ “	17	“
5.	Elder William Turner	“ “	9	“
6.	Layman Joseph Spurgin	“ “	1	“
7.	Elder Amos Weaver	“ “	2	“
8.	Elder J. B. Jackson	“ “	3	“
9.	Elder J. H. Brooks	“ “	1	“
10.	Elder H. Morton	“ “	1	“
11.	Professor H. W. Reinhart	“ “	6	“

CLERKS.

1.	Elder Peter Owen	was Clerk	10	Years.
2.	Elder Azariah Williams	“ “	22	“
3.	Laymen J. H. Owen	“ “	7	“
4.	Layman J. L. Pleasant	“ “	1	“
5.	Elder Thomas Carrick	“ “	4	“
6.	Elder Henry Sheets	“ “	7	“

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

LEXINGTON CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH, 1885.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION:
Time—Thursday before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1886.
Place—Abbott's Creek, Davidson County, N. C.

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List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August, 1885.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	North Carolina.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	" "
Wm. H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	" "
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	" "
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	" "
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	" "
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	" "
Henry Sheets,	Salem Church,	" "
S. H. Thompson,		
J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	" "
W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	" "
L. E. Duncan,	Lexington,	" "
J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville,	" "
W. B. Harrell,	Thomasville,	" "

Licentiates.

H. W. Reinhart,	Thomasville,	North Carolina.
D. C. Culbreth,	Thomasville,	" "
John A. Summey,	Hannersville,	" "

Officers of Liberty Association for the year ending August, 1886.

MODERATOR—Elder Wm. Turner, Salem, North Carolina.
CLERK—Elder Henry Sheets, Salem Church, North Carolina.
TREASURER—R. T. Hamner, Lexington.

Executive Committee.

JAMES SMITH,
R. T. HAMNER,
N. W. BEESON,
G. F. SMITH, SR.
A. P. SNIDER.

PROCEEDINGS.

LEXINGTON, N. C. Tuesday August 18, 1885.

The Liberty Association convened in its fifty-second annual session with this church to-day. On motion the preaching of the introductory sermon was postponed until to-night.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON CHURCH LETTERS AND ARRANGEMENTS—J. B. Richardson, Thos. Carrick and Jas. Smith.

ON FINANCE—C. H. Teague and J. H. Booth.

The roll of churches was called and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

ABBOTT'S CREEK—N. W. Beeson, C. H. Teague and Wm. Clinard.

ELDORADO—D. H. Coggin and A. L. Henderson.

HIGH POINT—J. F. Ellison, C. B. Wilson and A. C. Jones.

HOLLOWAY'S H. J. Palmer, J. F. Carrick and James I. Stoner.

JACKSON'S CREEK—C. F. Pierce and Farley Cody.

JERSEY—G. W. Smith, Sen., Z. T. Sharp and C. C. Carrick.

LEXINGTON—James Smith, S. H. Thompson and John T. Yarbrough.

LIBERTY—H. E. Copple, D. H. Hepler and Joshua Copple.

LICK CREEK—W. P. Redwine and J. H. Daniel.

MARION—C. S. Green.

MUDDY CREEK—Wm. Doty, A. T. Hanes and C. E. Idol.

NEW FRIENDSHIP—A. P. Snider and E. J. Hine.

PINE M. HOUSE—C. A. Barnes, John Watkins and W. H. Simerson.

REED'S X ROADS—Alfred Wood, John N. Myers and J. Lanning.

SUMMERVILLE—Travis Davis and W. N. Kinney.

PLEASANT GROVE James Coble.

THOMASVILLE—E. H. Davis, H. W. Reinhart and James A. Delke.

TOM'S CREEK—No letter.

KERNERSVILLE—Represented by Letter.

RICH FORK—A. V. D. Leigh and E. S. Sapp.

OAK HILL—M. F. Underwood, John G. Welborn and T. E. McGehee.

On motion of Eld. J. B. Richardson, Eld. Wm. Turner was re-elected Moderator; and Eld. Henry Sheets was re-elected clerk, by acclamation.

The Moderator on taking the chair, thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed, and asked their aid and co-operation.

The body was then led in prayer for Divine guidance by Eld. Thomas Carrick.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock this evening.

Prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Tuesday August 18th.

The committee on Church Letters and Arrangements submitted so much of their report as related to the

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Read minutes of preceding day.
2 Read Constitution and Rules of Order on morning of second day.
3 Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
4 Invitation to new churches to unite with us.
5 Report on Periodicals.
6 Report on Education.
7 Appointment of committee to nominate Executive committee.
8 Report on State and Associational Missions, and Associational Executive Board.
9 Report on charity and Baptist Orphanage.
10 Report on Foreign Missions.
11 Report on Home Missions.
12 Report on Sabbath Schools.
13 Report of Historical Committee.
14 Report on Temperance.
15 Report of Committee on Finance.
16 Appointment of Time, Place and Preacher for next Association.
17 Hear from correspondents to sister Associations.
18 Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
19 Appoint some one to superintend the Printing and Distribution of the Minutes.
20 Miscellaneous business.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
JAMES SMITH,
THOS. CARRICK.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren and ministers. Seats in the body were accepted by elders C. S. Farris, Associate Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; S. F. Conrad and W. R. Gwaltney of the Beaulah; A. T. Robertson of the South Yadkin Association; Prof. W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College and John E. Ray, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

An invitation was then given newly constituted churches wishing to unite with this body. Letters from three such churches were received, viz: Kernersville, Rich Fork and Oak Hill. They were then read after which, these churches were then received and the delegates welcomed to seats.

The following appointment of committees was made:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor, Deacons and delegates of this church.

On Periodicals—C. S. Farriss and L. E. Duncan.

On Education—W. L. Poteat and C. C. Carrick.

On committee to Nominate Executive Committee, the Ordained Ministers of this Association.

On State and Associational Missions—John E. Ray, S. F. Conrad and Henry Sheets.

On Charity and Baptist Orphanage—J. B. Richardson and W. B. Harrell.

On Foreign Missions—James A. Delke and G. W. Smith, Sr.

On Home Missions—S. H. Thompson and D. C. Culbreth.

On Sabbath Schools—N. W. Beeson and C. B. Wilson.

On Historical Committee—Henry Sheets and James I. Stoner.

On Temperance—C. W. Trice and A. P. Snider.

Elder Thomas Carrick was invited to present the claims of Greenville Memorial Church, after which, a cash collection was taken, amounting to $9.61.

Elder S. H. Thompson read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Lord's command to the Apostles just before his Ascension was "Go, preach to all nations; beginning at Jerusalem." That is they were to be home missionaries first. The gospel was to begin in its elevating influences at the homes of those preaching it. Their towns, their cities, their land—Judea—then all nations were to be sought. We have an agency in the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention that proposes to do just this work in the cities, towns and destitute sections of our southern country.

Number of missionaries	185
Churches and stations	426
Baptisms	2931
Received by letter	1733
Total additions	4664
Churches constituted	53

In view of the pressing needs of this country,

I Resolved: That we recommend to our churches to take up at least one collection for this work during the year.

II. That our pastors make a specialty of presenting this work before their churches.

Respectfully S. H. THOMPSON,
C. B. WILSON.

Stirring speeches were then made by W. L. Poteat, J. B. Richardson, S. H. Thompson and W. R. Gwaltney, after which a cash collection was then taken amounting to $6.75.

Report adopted.

Just as the body was ready to take pledges from the churches for the support of Home Missions, Bro. John E. Ray received a telegram announcing sickness in his family and summoning him home; whereupon the further consideration of the matter was deferred till to-morrow morning in order to give Bro. Ray an opportunity to address the body on the subject of State Missions.

On motion of Bro. Duncan, Bro. W. R. Gwaltney led in prayer for God's mercy upon Bro. Ray's afflicted family.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder S. F. Conrad.

NIGHT SERVICE.

According to arrangements made this morning, Elder J. B. Richardson preached the Introductory Sermon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 19, 1885.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder Conrad. Pledges taken for the support of the Home Mission Board. Bro. Conrad was asked to present the claims of Kernersville Baptist church. After further remarks by Bro. Richardson, a collection in cash and pledges was taken amounting to a little upwards of of $70.00.

The consideration of the subject of education was made the special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Bro. L. E. Duncan read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Commitsee on Periodicals respectfully submit the following report.

Resolved: That inasmuch as the *Biblical Recorder* is the recognized organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, as it represents the spirit and sentiment of our people and is a faithful exponent of our work and distinctive doctrines, that we recommend it to the favorable consideration of all our people and urge our pastors to make earnest and constant effort to place it in every Baptist home.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words* for Sunday School workers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. FARRISS,
L. E. DUNCAN.

After speeches by Farriss, Duncan, Gwaltney and Delke, on the importance of taking and reading the *Recorder*, the report was adopted.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer was offered by President Taylor of Wake Forest College.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the Chair. The body was led in prayer by Prof.

H. W. Reinhart.

The brethren at Big Creek having built a new house of worship some two miles from the old one, wish to change the name of their church from Big Creek to Eldorado; asked this body to recognize the change, which request was readily complied with.

The following report was read by Dr. Harrell.

REPORT ON CHARITY AND BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee on the above subject beg leave to report as follows: The time has come when we, as a denomination, must arouse ourselves to the importance, as well as the necessity, of providing for our own poor; especially for the orphan children of our own brethren who are left among us, helpless, friendless and destitute. The word of God tells us that "charity never faileth" (I Cor. 13:8) which is the same as saying, Love never ceaseth to find "ways and means" to relieve the needy, to help the fatherless, to befriend the friendless. And the aspostle James says "Pure religion, and undefiled before God the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Dear brethren, we, perhaps, have neglected these things too long already and now we feel that something *must be done*. With this view, that is, to take care of the poor children of our people of our state who are left without means, certain of our brethren have established the Baptist Orphanage Association, located and commenced building a home for the needy ones near Thomasville in this county; and they cordially invite this body to become members of the Association by paying one dollar each, and thus aid in putting up the necessary houses for the inmates who are waiting to occupy them as soon as they are built. This orphanage work is a great enterprise for our people, and a blessed charity indeed, where all may extend a helping hand, and thus fulfill the word af God that requires us to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only."

Love to God, love to Jesus our Saviour, love for souls should move us as Baptists to take this orphanage under our special care and support. Respectfully

J. B. RICHARDSON.
W. B. HARRELL.

Pending the motion to adopt remarks were made by Prof. Delke and Eld. Gwaltney.

The hour for the special order—The Report on Education—having arrived, the further consideration of the Report on Charity and Baptist Orphanage was suspended.

Prof. W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Popular interest in general education has grown rapidly in the last few years. The revelation made by the census of

1880, of illiteracy in North Carolina was shocking, but served to arrest attention and give impetus to a much needed reform. While we rejoice in the wide spread educational awakening, we cannot lose sight of the fact that it is for the most part confined to primary education, to the comparative neglect of higher education. We need to support more liberally existing academies and increase their numbers, but we need also to cultivate among our people a juster estimate of the advantages of collegiate training. A far larger number of the Baptist boys and girls of our state ought to be in our Baptist colleges. We submit further that at the present juncture of affairs in North Carolina, we cannot as a denomination emphasize too strongly the importance of educating our Baptist youth in institutions under Baptist control and under Baptist influence. Wake Forest College was founded more than fifty years ago by the brethren who had but a short while before organized the Baptist State Convention. From the beginning has been one of the prime objects of that organization. The college has passed through many vicissitudes since its founding, but the blessing of the Lord has attended the prayers and labors of his servants, and to-day it is in better condition than ever before in its full history. Its invested endowment amounts to about $103,000, its courses of study have been extended to meet the wants of the people, its facilities and aids to education have been greatly improved; so that now it stands in the front rank of southern institutions of learning. It is prepared to receive the boys; it is the duty of the churches to send them in increasing numbers. We commend to the consideration the North Carolina Baptists Students' Aid Association. There are scores of young men in the state, not ministers, who long for education and yet haven't the means themselves and are unable to borrow it. The work of this association is to collect money and to lend it to worthy applicants who agree to refund it after the completion of their education. No less important is the education of the girls, and happily, they are well provided for in Thomasville, Oxford, Murfreesboro, Shelby Female Colleges. The Board of Education gave help to 34 young ministers pursuing their studies at Wake Forest during the last session. The number of applications for help increases every year; the amount of help which the board is able to give depends upon the amount of money sent up by the churches. The Board is now embarrassed by debt. And unless the churches respond liberally, its beneficient work must of necessity be curtailed.

W. L. Poteat,
C. C. Carrick.

Remarks on the necessity of ministerial education were submitted by Pres. Taylor of Wake Forest, Prof. Delke and W. R. Gwaltney. After pledges had been taken for the support of the Board of Education, the report was adopted.

Remarks on Charity and Baptist Orphanage were again resumed, at the close of which, the report was adopted by the appointment of the following brethren in each church to look after the interests of the orphanage in their respective churches.

Abbotts Creek, N. W. Beeson; Eldorado, M. J. Leach; High Point, J. F. Ellison; Holloway's, H. J. Palmer; Jackson's Creek, Thomas Lambeth; Jersey, G. W. Smith, Sr.; Lexington, C. W. Trice; Liberty, John A. Summey; Lick Creek, Peter Cross; Marion, C. S. Green; Muddy Creek, C. E. Idol; New Friendship, A. P. Snider; Pine M. House, W. C. Grubb; Reed's X Roads, J. H. Walser; Summerville, Robt. Tysinger; Pleasant Grove, James T. Bostick; Thomasville, James A. Delke; Tom's Creek, H. L. Gallimore; Oak Hill, M. F. Underwood; Kernersville, J. H. Hepler; Rich Fork, A. V. D. Leigh.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder W. B. Harrell read the report on Foreign Missions. This report was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It was agreed to appoint time and place for next session of this body. It was decided to hold the next session with the church at Abbott's Creek. After a somewhat spirited debate it was decided to meet on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August 1886. Elder L. E. Duncan to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Prof. W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest College made request for cabinet specimens for the museum at Wake Forest. Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9:30. Adjourned with prayer by Prof. Poteat.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 20.

Religious exercises conducted by Eld. J. H. Booth. Moderator Turner in the chair. The hour for the special order having arrived—The following was read:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has commanded his people "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How have we carried out this great commission? Much has been done but yet a large part of the world is still in darkness. Our Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., reports 10 ministers with their wives, 5 unmarried ladies, and 28 native assistants in northern, central and southern China. In Italy, the stronghold of Catholicism, we have one minister with his wife and 10 native preachers. In Africa, the centre of heathen and Mohammedan influence, we have 5 ministers, 2 married ladies, and 8 native assistants. In Brazil, we have 2 ministers, their wives and 4 native assistants. In Mexico, we have 3 ministers, their wives, 4 unmarried ladies, and 5 native assistants. Recently, 4 additional missionaries have been appointed, 2 of whom, R. T. Bryan and D. W. Herring who goes to China, are from North Carolina. Some have fallen in the discharge of duty, Mrs. Pruitt, in China and Mrs. David in Africa. Our Foreign missionaries number 52, of whom 25 are ministers, 27 ladies, 65 native assistants, more than 1300 members, 203 having been baptized during the last year. The Foreign Board received $65 481.47, of which amount North Carolina contributed $4,456.71. The outlook is now encouraging, but an increase in the number of missionaries and a consequent increase in expenses call on us for larger contributions.

The Board needs $100,000 and asks North Carolina for $8,000. Last year the Liberty Association gave $82.09 for Foreign Missions. It is asked to give this year $150.00

J. A. Delke,
G. F. Smith, Sen.

Remarks were submitted by Bros. Delke, Poteat, Thompson, Conrad and Harrell. After pledges had been made by the churches, the report was adopted.

A motion prevailed, requesting the clerk to collect and prepare any historical information from August 1884 to August 1886.

The committee on Finance reported and were discharged. See report elsewhere.

Adjourned for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

It was agreed to allow the clerk $10 out of the minute fund for his services and then expend the remainder in printing minutes.

N. W. Beeson read the

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your committee is much pleased to report the greater number of our churches as engaged in the sunday school work, which are the means—as we think, of developing so much good, for the reason that it is training the young minds to know the Lord through his word and strengthening him who believes already to press onward and upward for the end of this work *is rest in heaven.* Now if it is **a** good work for part, would it not be for all? Oh how glad we would be to report a good Sunday School in all of the churches of the old Liberty Association. We believe that the churches all labor to accomplish this desired end, and we are satisfied that there is a great advantage in using the Lesson Helps that can be had by sending to the Sunday School supply store in Raleigh. And by taking the *Biblical Recorder* that never fails to give us light on the Sunday School lessons and on the scriptures generally.

Respectfully submitted,
N. W. Beeson,
C. B. Wilson.

Bros. Richardson, Gwaltney and A. T. Robertson made entertaining speeches on the report, after which it was adopted.

Bro. C. W. Trice read the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It seems to your committee that intemperance is one of the strongest agents in the hands of Satan against the Kingdom of our Saviour, and we would suggest that all our pastors make this one of their special objects against which they will, with all their members strive. Our Saviour taught us in his Model Prayer that we should pray to be delivered from evil. Brethren, we think this one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest evil with which we have to contend.

Brethren, we are appalled at the results we see and read of this monster evil in all our land. We believe that nine-tenths of the crimes of our country are traceable to intemperance. Brethren let us renew our efforts to pull down this evil, and pray God to bless our efforts.

C. W. TRICE,
A. P. SNIDER.

After remarks on this interesting report by Bros. Richardson and Harrell, it was adopted.

The reports of the Executive Committee and State and Associational Missions were read in connection.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Board has done what they could with the funds sent in by the churches. We have used every care to avoid debt, but the churches and individuals have failed to redeem their pledges, and there will be a deficiency. The work is growing upon us, and there are many points within the bounds of our Association that we have failed to reach. We have had Bros. Sheets, Stallings, Morton, Summey, Stoker and Pugh preaching a part of their time at different points. We would urge upon the churches to take hold of this work and raise funds to extend this missionary enterprise to every part of our Association. The report on State and Associational Missions will set forth the importance of this work. R. A. WOMMACK.

REPORT ON STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Our success in building up churches in the towns and destitute portions of the state is due very largely to our missionaries laboring under appointment from our State Boards. We now have a larger number of missionaries than ever before—numbering about 70: and from a number of these we have reports of great revivals and large ingatherings.

We are rejoiced at the prospect of securing the entire time of Bro. John E. Ray in the interest of our State Mission and Sunday School work.

In this Association we have labored at different points in the bounds of the Association; Bros. Stallings at Kernersville, Sheets at Oak Hill, Morton as Rich Fork, Stoker at Cedar Springs and Concord, Summey at Marion, and Pugh at Back Creek and Uwharrie. The work at some of these points is very encouraging and we would urge an enlargement of the contributions to this work.

S. F. CONRAD,
HENRY SHEETS.

After remarks by various brethren, this report was adopted.

Report on State and Associational Missions discussed by Elds. W. R. Gwaltney and J. B. Richardson, after which it was adopted.

CONDENSED REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

Eld. H. Morton. Has been preaching regularly to Rich Fork church and part of the time to Wiley's Grove. He had to give up Wiley's Grove for the want of remuneration. Various brethren have preached for him at Rich Fork. He gives the following approximated figures: Sermons preached, 92, days work, 75, baptized 14, received on the field, $5.00.

Eld. A. P. Stoker. Preached part of the year at Cedar Springs and Concord. He has traveled 20 days; and preached 25 sermons; made 15 religious visits; held 5 prayer meetings and received from Cedar Springs $2.25.

Bro. John A. Summey. Commenced preaching at Marion in April last. He preached 7 sermons, visited 4 families, held 3 church meetings.

Bro. D. C. Culbreth. Preached at Kernersville until January last, when he resigned the work there. In the meantime he secured the organization of the church there. After he resigned, Eld J. N. Stallings was called to this work which he is prosecuting with vigor. We have no report of the work at hand.

Eld. J. M. Pugh. Began preaching at or near Back Creek and Uwharrie in December last. He has given 47 days work; supplied 2 out stations; held 8 prayer meetings; made 100 religious visits and held 1 protracted meeting and distributed 47 religious tracts—received for his work, almost nothing.

Eld. Henry Sheets. Has been preaching regularly at Oak Hill; held 1 protracted meeting; baptized 16; preached 34 sermons; made 20 religious visits, and gave away a large number of religious tracts, and received on the field about $8.00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Would report that after examining the same they find that most of the churches have experienced precious meetings since our last session. There have been 130 baptisms and a net gain to our membership of 110. And yet we have to mourn the death of quite a number of the faithful ones; among whom are Elder M. P. Beck, of Worthville, a most honest, upright and faithful minister of the word, and Eld. W. N. Thayer of Saunder's Hill, who had been an ordained minister for quite a number of years though no pastor. As to the financial statistics we find a slight falling off in the amounts reported from the pledges made last association. In the main we believe there has been progress all along the line, for which let the Master have all the praise.

THOS. CARRICK,
JAS. SMITH,
J. B. RICHARDSON,

Adopted without remarks.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for State Missions, collection - -	$12.05	
Received for State Missions, Finance Com.	3.24	
Received for Foreign Missions, collection -	3.70	
Received for Foreign Missions, Com. -	12.64	
Received for Foreign Missions, private collection	1.25	
Received for Education Finance Com. -	11.25	
Received for Minute fund - - -	28.57	
Received for Minute fund, collection -	3.11	
		$75.81

PAID OUT.

For State Missions, Rev. A. G. McMannaway	$15.29	
For Foreign Missions, Rev. A. G. McMannaway	12.64	
For Foreign Missions, B. F. M. - -	4.95	
For Education, A. G. M. - - -	11.25	
For Clerk's Fee - - - - -	10.50	
For Printing Minutes - - - -	20.00	
For Express Fees on Minutes - -	1.15	
For Postage and Stationery - - -	.15	
		$75.93.

Paid out an excess of $ .12.

R. T. HAMNER, Treas.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. B. Richardson, L. E. Duncan, G. F. Smith Sr. and C. C. Carrick.

The ordained ministers of this association were appointed a committee to nominate the executive committee of Liberty Association for the year ending August 1886. The following brethren were appointed: G. F. Smith, Sr., R. T. Hamner, A. P. Snider, James Smith and H. J. Palmer.

Elder W. B. Harrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the thanks of the Liberty Association are due and are hereby expressed to the members of this church and the citizens of Lexington, for their hospitable and delightful entertainment during the present session.

Thus ended a most pleasant and profitable session.

WM. TURNER, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Financial Table for the Year Ending August 1885.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Sunday Schools.	Ministers in Protracted Meetings.	Building New Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Orphan Asylum.
Abbott's Creek,	2 25	9 00	2 75	15 00			3 00		23 20		100 00		
Eldorado,		2 00	1 00	2 50			1 00		3 00		32 00		
High Point,		1 55	2 10	1 00								12 00	
Holloway's,	10 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	16 00	2 10	3 75	22 00	22 50	100 00	2 00	
Jackson's Creek,							50		4 30	325 00			
Jersey,	4 54	10 00	5 00	12 00	2 00	5 05	1 60	1 10	16 00		150 00	104 30	
Kernersville,									4 00	674 02	31 65		
Lexington,	10 73	12 50	10 00	10 00	10 00		1 75				182 58	36 13	13 10
Liberty,				2 50			93	1 35	4 35			5 25	
Lick Creek,	.96	1 45	4 83	5 03			1 75		20 00				
Marion,							50						
Muddy Creek,	5 50	7 50	12 50	7 00			1 80	42 20	14 40		75 00		
New Friendship,	5 00	50	6 62	6 50			3 33	5 00	25 26				
Oak Hill,							93		9 50				
Pine Meeting House,		4 35		8 92			2 35		7 50		100 00	4 00	
Pleasant Grove,		5 00											
Reed's X Roads,	7 79	5 00	5 00	10 20			2 00		14 15		100 00		
Rich Fork,													
Summerville,	85			2 00			70		8 70				
*Thomasville,	16 15		90	4 72		4 00	1 00	7 27			54 10	42 35	
Tom's Creek,													

*Thomasville Female College gave for Foreign Missions $10 10.

Statistical Table for the Year Ending August 1885.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTORS' P. O.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Colored Members.	Total Membership.	Sunday School Scholars.	Church Meetings.
Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, N. C.	5			5	1		40	89	5	134	32	3rd
Eldorado,	James Jordan,	Troy, “	8	1			2	4	21	52	1	74		2nd
High Point,	J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville, “	1			2	1		16	43	3	64	50	4th
Holloway's,	J. H. Booth,	Bringles, “	14	4		6		6	65	117		182		3rd
Jackson's Creek,	A. P. Stoker,	Denton, “	4		1				12	14		26		3rd
Jersey,	Henry Sheets,	Salem Church, “	2	1		1	7	1	49	62	22	133	30	1st
Kernersville,	J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville, “							3	7		10		2nd
Lexington,	L. E. Duncan,	Lexington, “		1		2			41	32		73	60	2nd
Liberty,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, “				1	1	4	52	92	3	147	45	2nd
Lick Creek,	J. H. Booth,	Bringles, “	2	2		7		4	39	68	2	109	40	4th
Marion,	Sup by J. A. Summey,	Hannersville, “							10	11	1	22		4th
Muddy Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, “	17	4	1			2	34	62		96	70	4th
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, “	16		2	2	1	1	33	81		114	24	1st
Oak Hill,	Henry Sheets,	Salem Church, “	2	1					8	9		17	25	3rd
Pine Meeting House,	Henry Sheets,	Salem Church, “	22	1					63	89		152	40	4th
Reed's X Roads,	Henry Sheets,	Salem Church “	13				1	1	41	73		114	104	2nd
Rich Fork,	H. Morton,	Thomasville, “							10	9		19		4th
Summerville,	A. P. Stoker,	Denton, “	3	2					22	49		71	50	1st
Pleasant Grove,	J. B. Richardson,	High Point, “	6	1				2	14	33		47	50	2nd
Thomasville,	No Pastor.		15	7		24		1	10	25		35	60	3rd
Tom's Creek,	No Pastor.								10	16		26		2nd

Table of Pledges Made at the Liberty Association for Next Year's Work.

NAMES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.
Abbott's Creek,	5 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	15 00
Eldorado,	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 50
High Point,	2 50	5 00	5 00		2 50
Holloway's,	10 00	10 00	11 00	2 50	15 00
Jackson's Creek,	1 00			1 00	
Jersey,	10 00	12 50	12 50	5 00	15 00
Kernersville,	2 00		3 00	1 00	
Lexington,	10 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	10 00
Liberty,	2 50	5 00	2 50	2 00	5 00
Lick Creek,	3 00	3 00	5 00	2 50	5 00
Marion,	50		2 00		
Muddy Creek,	7 50	6 00	10 00	2 50	8 00
New Friendship,	5 00		5 00	2 75	5 00
Oak Hill,	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Pine Meeting House,	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00
Pleasant Grove,	1 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	
Reed's X Roads,	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	10 00
Rich Fork,	5 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	
Summerville,	2 00	2 00	2 50	2 00	2 50
Thomasville,	3 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	5 00
Tom's Creek,					
Thomasville Female College,			18 00		
Henry Sheets,	1 00	1 00	5 00		
Cash Paid,	6 00	2 75	2 50		

J. H. Booth, R. T. Hamner, S. H. Thompson, J. J. Hankins, Roxie Sheets, C. B. Wilson, P. O. Duncan, $1.00 each; A. P. Snider, John A. Carrick, 50 cents each; J. B. Richardson $5.00 for education.

W. P. Redwine, John H. Greer, C. C. Carrick, J. H. Booth, G. F. Smith, Sr., L. E. Duncan, $1.00 each; C. W. Trice, Mrs. J. H. Finch, A. V. D. Leigh, $2.00 each; J. F. Ellison, W. B. Harrell, 50 cents each; S. H. Thompson, $2.50 for foreign missions.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.

AUGUST 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST, 1886.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION:
Time—Thursday before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1887.
Place—Lick Creek Church, Davidson County, N. C.

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List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August 1886.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	North Carolina.
Wm. Turner,	Salem,	" "
Wm. H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	" "
Aaron Yarbrough,	Lexington,	" "
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	" "
A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	" "
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	" "
Henry Sheets,	Lexington,	" "
S. H. Thompson,	High Point,	" "
J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	" "
W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	" "
L. E. Duncan,	Lexington,	" "
J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville,	" "
W. B. Harrell,	Thomasville,	" "
P. O. Duncan,	Lexington,	" "

Licentiates.

John A. Summey,	Hannersville,	North Carolina.

Officers of Liberty Association for the Year Ending August 1886.

MODERATOR—Elder Wm. Turner, Salem, North Carolina.
CLERK—Elder Henry Sheets, Lexington, North Carolina.
TREASURER—R. T. Hamner, Lexington, North Carolina.

Sabbath School Superintendents.

Abbott's Creek—		
Eldorado,	D. H. Coggin,	Ophir, N. C.
High Point—		
Holloway's,	H. J. Palmer,	Silver Hill, N. C.
Jackson's Creek,	Wm. Cashatt,	Jackson's Creek, "
Jersey—		
Kernersville—		
Lexington,	C. W. Trice,	Lexington, N. C.
Liberty—		
Lick Creek,	Stokes Carrick,	Bringles, N. C.
Marion—		
Muddy Creek,	A. T. Hanes,	Clemmonsville, N. C.
New Friendship—		
Oak Hill,	M. F. Underwood,	Thomasville, N. C.
Pine M. House,	Louis Snider,	Jubilee, "
Pleasant Grove—		
Reed's X Roads,	H. M. Stockton,	Michael, N. C.
Rich Fork,	Wm. Bowers,	Jimes, "
Summerville—		
Thomasville,	Dr. W. B. Harrell,	Thomasville, N. C.
Tom's Creek—		

PROCEEDINGS.

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH, Davidson County, N. C.,
Thursday, August 19, 1886.

The Liberty Association convened in its fifty-third annual session with this church to-day. In the absence of Eld. L. E. Duncan, the appointee, Eld. J. B. Richardson preached the introductory sermon from Phil. 2: 12.

After an intermission of one hour, the body came together for business. We were led in prayer by Eld. P. O. Duncan.

On motion the letters were read before the body as formerly.

The roll of churches was then called and read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

ABBOTT'S CREEK—Wm. Clinard, N. W. Beeson and John Teague.
ELDORADO—J. M. Henderson.
HIGH POINT—A. C. Jones, Joseph Ellison and Alfred Gordon.
HOLLOWAY'S—J. F. Carrick and Willie Stoner.
JACKSON'S CREEK—John A. Barnes.
JERSEY—David Smith.
KERNERSVILLE—W. R. Clinard, L. P. Moore and John Hepler.
LEXINGTON—James Smith, J. R. Hankins and John L. Maley.
LIBERTY John A. Summey and H. E. Copple.
MARION—R. S. Green.
MUDDY CREEK—A. T. Hanes and Charles E. Idol.
NEW FRIENDSHIP—Romulus Snider, Andrew Sink and A. P. Snider.
OAK HILL—Joseph P. Welborn and M. F. Underwood.
PINE M. HOUSE—W. H. Simerson, B. L. Hunt and W. C. Grubb.
PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented.
REED'S X ROADS—James A. Myers and R. B. Myers.
RICH FORK—W. S. Kanoy and Moses McCarn.
SUMMERVILLE—T. H. Davis and W. T. Tysinger.
THOMASVILLE—James A. Delke.
TOM'S CREEK—Not represented.

After the enrollment of delegates, the body proceeded to the election of moderator. Eld. Wm. Turner was chosen moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Order of Business—N. W. Beeson and Henry Sheets.

On Periodicals—Charles L. Smith and Charles E. Idol.
On Education—H. E. Copple and Jas. H. Daniel.
On State and Associational Missions—S H. Thompson and David Smith.
Charity and Baptist Orphanage—A. T. Hanes and Charles E. Idol.
On Foreign Missions—P. O. Duncan and M. F. Underwood.
On Home Missions—P. O. Duncan and A. C. Jones.
On Sabbath Schools—John Teague and W. R. Clinard.
On Temperance—Wm. Clinard and J. M. Henderson.
On Finance: James Smith and A. P. Snider.
On Religious Exercises—Deacons and delegates of this church.

The moderator appointed the ordained ministers of this association present, to nominate the executive committee of this association.

The committee on religious exercises announced that Bro. Henry Sheets would conduct the religious services to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and Bro. P. O. Duncan preach at 11 o'clock.

The moderator extended an invitation to visiting brethren. Eld. W. M. Bostick of the Pee Dee Association and Bro. John E. Ray corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention, accepted the invitation.

Owing to the fact that Bro. Ray had to leave early to-morrow morning, he was invited to address this body on State Missions. He made us all feel that we ought to do more for this object.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. John E. Ray.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 20th.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. Henry Sheets. The moderator in the chair. An invitation was again extended to visitors. Eld. A. G. McManaway, Vice President of Home Mission Board for this state came forward and accepted a seat in the body. The following was read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The growth of all our denominational work depends upon the work of our state convention. The convention now has 70 missionaries in its employ. The work of this board has been much crippled by a lack of funds. The work is greater than ever before and the demands for men and means to support them is an ever increasing one. In view of the fact that the board is spending nearly one-sixth of all its funds in our own bounds,

Resolved, 1. That we at once raise our pledge to this work.

2. That we increase our pledges to the work of the state convention.

S. H. Thompson, } Com.
David Smith, }

Speeches in support of this board were made by S. H. Thompson and Henry Sheets. After which an effort was made to raise the deficit due the State Mission Board. A collection was taken in cash and pledges to the amount of $39.25, of which $16.25 was in cash. The hour having arrived for Bro. P. O. Duncan to preach, the body adjourned to hear the sermon, at the close of which, we adjourned until after dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, August 20th.

Moderator Turner in the chair. The following preamble and resolution was offered:

Whereas: Tom's Creek Church has failed to report by letter or delegate for two years, therefore

Resolved: That a committee be appointed by the moderator to ascertain the reason, and report the condition of this church at our next meeting of this body. Adopted.

The moderator appointed the following brethren to visit this church and report, viz: John A. Summey, Jas. H. Daniel and H. J. Palmer.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The association ought to lay very close to heart the work of missions in our own bounds. We have within two years built neat houses at Oak Hill, Rich Fork and Kernersville. We ought to still sustain these points until they are strong enough to help themselves In addition to this there are several points that ought to be cultivated. The report of the board will give the work done.

The suggestion of your committee is that the churches increase their pledges to this work.

S. H. Thompson,
David Smith.

Remarks were submitted by Bros. Thompson and Sheets, after which pledges were taken for next year's work. See Table of Pledges. On motion appointed time, place and preacher for next year. Appointed to hold the next session with the church at Lick Creek, Davidson County, twenty miles South from Lexington, to convene on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1887. Eld. S. H. Thompson to preach the introductory sermon.

The clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and that he have 550 copies printed.

Elder P. O. Duncan read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is endeavoring to supply the destitute regions in the

Southern States and Territories with the gospel of our Redeemer. It calls special attention

1. To its work among the colored people of the South for which it needs your prayers and contributions.
2. To its work among the Indians to whom we owe so much on account of the lands which we have taken from them and the treatment they have received at the hands of our people.
3. To its work in the cities which are the centre of religious as well as political and educational influences, and
4. To the work in Cuba, which was committed to the care of this board at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

To prosecute the work in these directions requires liberal contributions on the part of the churches. Will not the churches of Liberty Association share in the privilege of helping on this good work.

P. O. DUNCAN,
A. C. JONES.

Eld. A. G. McManaway made a speech in support of the above report, after which, it was adopted. See pledges for this board elsewhere.

Bro. Chas. L. Smith read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report: To be acquainted with the work of the Baptists in North Carolina it is necessary that our church members should read the organ of the denomination—*The Biblical Recorder*. This paper is a fearless and earnest exponent of our principles and practices and a faithful advocate of our mission, educational and Sunday School work. It strengthens and unifies the denomination and should be read in every Baptist family. We urge the members of this association to make renewed efforts to extend its circulation during the ensuring year.

We also commend to our churches and Sunday Schools, *The Foreign Missions Journal* and *Kind Words*.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. SMITH, }
C. E. IDOL, } Com.

Speeches were submitted by C. L. Smith, J. A. Delke and S. H. Thompson. Adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Temperance question has assumed a phase that no right thinking man can ignore. The fearful evil of intemperance has grown to such proportions that Christians must arise in their might and use their influence and their power to overthrow it. Therefore

Resolved: 1. That we recommend to our churches that they neither manufacture nor use as a beverage any intoxicating liquors.

2. That we use our influence against its use, sale or manufacture by all others.

3. That we withdraw ourself from any brother who either makes, sells or uses to excess intoxicants.

WM. CLINARD, } Com.
J. M. HENDERSON, }

Owing to the lateness of the hour this excellent report was adopted without remarks.

Prayer by H. E. Copple.

Benediction by Elder A. G. McManaway.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 21st.

The religious exercises conducted by Bro. John A. Summey.

The hour for business having arrived, the moderator called the house to order.

On motion the clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

Bro. H. E. Copple read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to submit that the Baptists of our association are not personally engaged in the all important educational work as we ought to be. While we are gratified to see a general awakening along this line in some communities, we regret that so many of our good brethren are still asleep, and scarcely dreaming of the educational advantages that might be within their grasp. We urge that every Baptist church in the Liberty Association see to it that a school worthy of patronage shall be supported in its own community directly and amply provided for by its own members. When the Baptists all over the state shall have done this, the desire for education among the youth of our land will be raised to white heat, and Wake Forest College, already the pride of the Baptists of North Carolina, instead of enrolling 180 students, will number 500 or 1,000. Thomasville, Shelby, Oxford and Murfreesboro female colleges will realize a triple attendance. All these colleges are doing a great work. Wake Forest, with her corps of ten professors and increased apparatus is now offering greater advantages than ever before.

The Board of Education has been supporting more than 30 promising young ministers. And yet the work, instead of increasing in magnitude, must be curtailed, unless we increase the funds.

The world demands more educated men and women. God requires of us to do the work He has put in our hands. Shall we not comply with his behests?

H. E. COPPLE,
J. H. DANIELS.

Speeches were made by Thompson, Delk and Sheets, after which pledges were taken. Adopted.

REPORT ON CHARITY AND BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee beg leave to report

1. That while nearly all objects of church work have been

more or less looked after and contributed to, yet hardly any charitable work has been reported.

2. That the Baptist Orphanage now has three houses finished and five others in process of construction. About forty orphans are already present. No enterprise of our denomination has so taken hold of our people as the Orphanage. It calls for our prayers, our sympathy, our help and our contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. HANES.

Bro. C. L. Smith offered the following resolution with the above report:

Resolved: That the pastors of the Liberty Association be requested to bring the claims of the Baptist Orphanage before their churches and take from each, at least one collection a year for this charity.

Remarks were offered by Bros. Henry Sheets, Jas. A. Delke, N. W. Beeson, G. F. Smith, Sr. and S. H. Thompson. Adopted.

Adjourned to hear the sermon by Eld. W. M. Bostick.

AFTERNOON SESSION, August 21st.

The committee appointed to nominate the executive committee for next year, reported that the committee of last year be continued, viz: H. J. Palmer, G. F. Smith, Sr., James Smith, A. P. Snider and R. T. Hamner. Adopted.

Eld. P. O. Duncan read the report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT.

Our mission field is the world. Our work is unended till we have gained a spiritual victory throughout every continent and upon every island. The church is to reach out an arm to lead all into the light. But to reach out a strong arm requires a strong body. It is an inspiration to Baptist citizens of North Carolina to know the strength of our faith in this state. Our body here being so strong, let us, as Baptists see to it that in the coming year we reach out to those whose souls are to be required at our hands, a stronger arm of help than we ever have before. To this end may the churches of our association increase their help and earnestness.

P. O. DUNCAN,
C. L. SMITH.

After remarks by Bros. Duncan, Sheets, C. L. Smith and S. H. Thompson, the report was adopted The following was read:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Living in a community where there is great opposition to Sabbath Schools, we are often asked for a "thus saith the Lord," We refer all opposition to a careful study of the entire word of God; more especially the 8th chapter of Nehemiah and the dying command of our Saviour as recorded by Luke. We don't know of any better way to spend God's day than to meet at God's house and study his word, and thus show to the world that we are interested in the advancement of the Lord's kingdom on earth. Therefore, we admonish those who can, in any way, to be engaged in the Sabbath school work.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN TEAGUE,
W. R. CLINARD.

In connection with the above report the following was offered:

Resolved, That our Executive Board be a committee to look after the Sunday school interest of our association. 2. That they gather the Sunday school statistics, the number of schools and report to the association; and if possible establish schools in those churches where there are no schools, as well as in destitute communities. S. H. THOMPSON.

The report and resolution was adopted.

A statement was made concerning Kernersville church and $4.00 collected for same.

The report of the committee on finance was submitted.

Your committee on finance submit the following, which came into their hands during this session of the association.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Minutes Fund.
Abbott's Creek,	1 63			69		2 00
Eldorado,	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		1 10
High Point,	2 05		2 00			1 00
Holloway's,	1 69	1 15	75			2 00
Jackson's Creek,						1 05
Jersey,						2 00
Kernersville,	2 00			1 00		50
Lexington,						2 25
Liberty,	2 50	1 50	82			1 28
LickCreek,	1 00	1 00	1 22	1 00		1 70
Marion,						25
Muddy Creek,	7 50		2 60			2 10
New Friendship,	5 00		5 00	2 75		2 55
Oak Hill,	1 00		1 00	1 00		
Pine M. House,						2 88
Reed's x Roads,						1 65
Rich Fork,						70
Summerville,		1 54				75
Thomasville,		2 00				1 00
C. W. Trice,			2 00			
A. P. Snider,		50				
TOTAL,	$25.64	$8 69	$17 39	$7 44		$25 76

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES SMITH, } Financial Com.
A. P. SNIDER, }

Bro. R. T. Hamner read the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren: Your committee at its first meeting after the last association assumed an indebtednesi of 105.00. $50 to be appropriated to Oak Hill where Bro. Sheets has been laboring; and $5.00 at Union Retreat supplied also by Bro. Sheets. $50 was applied to the work at Kernersville, where Bro. Stallings has been laboring. We promised Bro. J. M. Pugh $25.00 for work done on the south-eastern border of the association; but owing to the churches not redeeming their pledges upon which we depended, we could pay him only $16.05. Had the churches all comes up to our aid, we would have come out with all obligations fully paid and money in the treasury. Bros.

Sheets and Stallings report encouragingly from their fields. Also Bro. Pugh reports a bright prospect for future good. The board labored under many disadvantages. Some of the churches were backward in sending up their contributions; and also failing to fully redeem their pledges, we were embarrassed. Earnest appeals were made to the churches, but many of our people exhibited a spirit of indifference, which we very much deplored; and which militated much against progress. The destitution within our borders is great, and appeals for help come from various parts of the association's territory. It is our duty to occupy this destitution; and were the churches fully awake to duty we would soon be able to possess it all. The board thought it wise to concentrate its forces at Kernersville and Oak Hill, the two weak churches which were planted by this board and which promise the greatest future good.

R. T. HAMNER, Secretary.
JAMES SMITH, Chairman,
A. P. SNIDER,
G. F. SMITH, Sr.
H. J. PALMER.

In connection with the above report the following was read:

REPORT OF TREASURER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Associational Missions, August 19th, 1886.

Amounts received from the churches.

Abbotts Creek,	$15.00
Eldorado,	1.50
Clemmonsville,	10.00
High Point,	6.85
Holloway's,	8.70
Jersey,	20.00
Jackson's Creek,	
Kernersville,	1.50
Lexington,	11.27
Liberty,	5 00
Lick Creek,	4.25
Marion,	1.00
New Friendship,	5.00
Oak Hill,	
Pine M. House,	7.28
Pleasant Grove,	
Rich Fork,	
Reed's X Roads,	11.40
Summerville,	2.35
Thomasville,	2.05
Rev. H. Sheets,	10.00
Total,	$123.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Rev. H. Sheets for labor at Oak Hill,	$50.00
Paid Rev. H. Sheets for labor at Union Retreat,	5.00
Paid Rev. John N. Stallings for labor at Kernersville,	50 00
Paid Rev. J. M. Pugh for Missionary labor,	16.05
Paid for printing, stationery, &c.	2.10
	$123.15

The above reports were adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Received from Finance Committee for Foreign Missions,	$17.39
Received from Finance Committee for Home Missions,	7.44
Received from Finance Committee for State Missions,	8.19
Received from Finance Committee for Education,	26.14
Received from public collection State Missions,	16.75
Received from public collection State Missions (on Sunday)	11.57
Received from Finance Committee for Minute Fund,	28.01
Received for Associational Missions,	123.15
	$238.64

AMOUNTS PAID OUT.

Paid Rev. A. G McManaway Foreign Missions,	$17.39
Paid Rev. A. G. McManaway Home Missions,	7.44
Paid F. H. Briggs Education,	26.14
Paid Rev. S. H. Thompson State Missions,	24.04
Paid Rev. P. O. Duncan State Missions,	12.47
Paid Rev. H. Sheets for clerk fee,	10.00
Paid for printing Minutes,	18.01
Paid H. Sheets on Associational Missions,	50.00
Paid J. N. Stallings on Associational Missions,	50.00
Paid J. M. Pugh on Associational Missions,	16.01
Paid for printing, stationery, &c.	7.14
	$238.64

R. T. **Hamner**, Treasurer.

Agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock in Sabbath school mass-meeting.

Elder P. O. Duncan offered the following resolution of thanks:

Resolved : That the thanks of this association be returned to the people of Abbotts Creek Church for the hospitality and kindness they have shown to the association during these meetings, and to the members of the choir for the excellent gospel music they have given. Adopted.

Just before adjournment Capt. G. F. Smith made a statement to this body in reference to the pledge made at the convention held in Reidsville, to Greenville Memorial Church. Requested, that the churches take the matter into consideration.

The moderator appointed the following named brethren as delegates to the Baptist State Convention : S. H. Thompson, Henry Sheets, P. O. Duncan, David Smith, Jas. H. Daniel, G.

F. Smith, Sr., Jas. A. Delke, J. N. Stallings, J. B. Richardson and N. W. Beeson.

Prayer was then offered by Prof. Jas. A. Delke.

Adjourned, to meet with the church at Lick Creek on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1887.

WM. TURNER, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, August 22nd.

A large congregation met here to-day. After a Sabbath school mass-meeting, which was enjoyed by all present, Elder S. H. Thompson preached at 11 o'clock, A. M. to a large and orderly congregation. And at 2 o'clock, p. m. Elder P. O. Duncan preached.

Table of Pledges Made at Liberty Association for the Year's Work Ending August 1887.

CHURCHES.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.
Abbott's Creek,	5 00	6 00	5 00	15 00	2 00	33 00
Eldorado,	1 00	1 00	2 00		1 00	5 00
High Point,	5 00	10 00	5 00	6 00	2 00	28 00
Holloway's,	10 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	38 00
Jackson Creek,		2 00		2 00	1 00	5 00
Jersey,	10 00	15 00	12 50	20 00	5 00	62 50
Kernersville,	2 50	3 00		2 50	1 50	9 50
Lexington,	12 50	16 00	15 00	10 00	11 00	64 50
Liberty,	3 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	2 00	19 00
Lick Creek,	3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	19 00
Marion,		1 00	1 00	1 00	25	3 25
Muddy Creek,	7 50	6 00	10 00	8 00	2 50	34 00
New Friendship,	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	2 75	20 25
Oak Hill,	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	4 00
Pine M. House,	7 50	10 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	35 50
Pleasant Grove,						
Reed's x Roads,	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	27 00
Rich Fork,	3 00	2 00			1 00	6 00
Summerville,	1 00	2 00		2 00	2 00	7 00
Thomasville,	3 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	17 00
Tom's Creek,						
Totals,	85 00	100 50	90 50	115 50	45 00	437 50

Statistical Table for the Year Ending August 1886.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTORS P. O.	CLERKS.	CLERKS P. O.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Colored Members.	Total Membership.	Sunday School Scholars.	Church Meetings.
Abbott's Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, N. C.	C. H. Teague,	Abbott's Creek,				1	1	2	40	85	5	130		3rd
Eldorado,	James Jordan,	Troy, “	A. L. Henderson,	Eldorado.	5	5		1	1		24	56	1	79	54	2nd
High Point,	S. H. Thompson,	High Point, “	A. C. Jones,	High Point,		6					21	47	3	71	40	4th
Holloway's,	J. H. Booth.	Catawba, “	J. L. Stoner,	Silver Hill,	2			2	2	2	60	111		171	30	4th
Jackson's Creek,	A. P. Stoker,	Denton, “	C. F. Pierce,	Jackson's Creek,	3						12	17		29	20	3rd
Jersey,	Henry Sheets,	Lexington, “	G. W. Palmer,	Linwood,				5	16		42	60	9	111		1st
Kernersville,	J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville, “	W. R. Clinard,	Kernesrville,		3		1	1			7		10		
Lexington,	P. O. Duncan,	Lexington, “	J. L. Maley,	Lexington,	5	5		4			46	35	3	81	60	2nd
Liberty,	J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville, “	J. M. Easter,	Hannersville,	19			5	4	1	62	90	1	155		2nd
Lick Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, “	W. P. Redwine.	Healing Springs,				3		3	38	64	1	103	35	2nd
Marion,	J A Summey, Sup.	Hannersville, “	R. S. Green,	Lexington.			3				10	10		21		4th
Muddy Creek,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, “	Chas. E. Idol,	Clemmonsville,	11	2		4			41	67		108	66	4th
New Friendship,	Wm. Turner,	Salem, “	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	1	1			1	2	34	79		113	20	1st
Oak Hill,	Henry Sheets,	Lexington, “	M. F. Underwood,	Thomasville,	5	2					10	18		28	15	3rd
Pine. M. House.	Henry Sheets,	Lexington, “	W. C. Grubb,	Jubilee,	16	2			1		66	96		162	57	4th
Pleasant Grove,	J. B. Richardson,	High Point, “	J. T. Bostick,	Randleman,	4	2		3	1		12	35		47	65	
Reed's X Roads,	Henry Sheets,	Lexington, “	L. P. Craver,	Michael,	2			1		2	43	65		108	80	2nd
Rich Pork,	Henry Sheets,	Lexington, “	W. S. Kanoy,	Thomasville,	2	4					11	10		21	125	3rd
Summerville,	A. P. Stoker,	Denton, “	W. N. Kinney,	Marsh,	3					1	25	49		74		1st
Thomasville,	J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville, “	H. Morton,	Thomasville,		4				1	9	24		33	50	3rd
Tom's Creek,											10	17		27		
					75	36	3	30	28	14	619	1944	23	1663	717	

Financial Table for the Year Ending August 1886.

CHURCHUS.	Education.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Sunday Schools.	Ministers in Protracted Meetings.	Building New Churches.	Incidental Expenses.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Total.
Abbott's Creek,	4 13	6 78	4 47	15 00	1 75	5 52	2 00						100 00	139 65
Eldorado,	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 50	1 00		1 10		10 00				40 00	56 60
High Point,	2 05	5 70	2 26	6 85		4 85	1 00			3 00				24 71
Holloway's,	3 80	5 42	4 51	8 70	1 65	5 00	2 00		15 00	2 50			100 00	148 58
Jackson's Creek,							1 05							1 05
Jersey,	2 14	15 05	5 40	20 00	6 25	10 35	2 00		20 00				150 00	231 19
Kernersville,	2 00		3 50		1 00		50			803 58				810 58
Lexington,	10 95	17 01	17 92	10 06	10 09	4 45	2 25	30 00	29 00	150 00	31 83	100 27	200 00	613 83
Liberty,	2 50	1 50	82	5 00			1 28	2 00	14 50					27 60
Lick Creek,	1 00	1 00	1 22	4 25	1 00		1 70						100 00	110 17
Marion,							25							25
Muddy Creek,	7 50	6 53	7 35	10 00	4 26	4 11	2 10	109 81	20 00	8 25			100 00	279 91
New Friendship,	4 00		5 00	5 00	2 75	2 25	2 55		26 00			33 00	100 00	180 55
Oak Hill,	1 00	1 00	1 00						10 50	50 00			50 00	113 50
Pine M. House,		5 62	4 50	7 28			2 88	2 12	21 40	4 40	110 00		100 00	258 20
Pleasant Grove,		3 30	2 40		25		1 00	9 00					75 00	90 95
Reed's X Roads,	5 00	5 00	5 00	12 05	2 17		1 65	4 45	3 20	3 30			100 00	141 82
Rich Fork,	2 50	2 50	2 50		2 50		70	6 25		100 00	10 00		42 00	168 95
Summerville,		1 54		1 35			75							3 64
Thomasville,				2 00			1 00							3 00
Tom's Creek,														
	49 57	77 95	69 85	109 04	34 67	33 53	27 76	163 63	169 60	112503	151 83	133 27	125700	340073

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read minutes of preceding day.
2. Read constitution and rules of order.
3. Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
4. Invitation to new churches to unite with us.
5. Report on State Missions.
6. Report on Education.
7. Report on Associational Missions.
8. Report on Periodicals.
9. Report on Foreign Missions.
10. Report on Home Missions.
11. Report on Charity and Baptist Orphanage.
12. Report on Sabbath Schools.
13. Report on Temperance.
14. Report of Committee on Finance.
15. Appointment of time, place and preacher for next association.
16. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention.
17. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.
18. Miscellaneous business.
19. Adjournment.

HENRY SHEETS, } Com.
N. W. BEESON, }

MINUTES

OF THE

54th

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

LICK CREEK CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

AUGUST 25th, 26th and 27th, 1887.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION:

TIME—Thursday before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1888.
PLACE—Reed's X Roads, Davidson County, N. C.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, AUGUST, 1887.

Benjamin Lanier, Sr.	Level Plain,	North	Carolina.
William Turner	Salem,	"	"
William H. Hamner	Thomasville,	"	"
Aaron Yarbrough	Lexington,	"	"
H. Morton	Thomasville,	"	"
A. P. Stoker	Denton,	"	"
J. B. Richardson	High Point,	"	"
Henry Sheets	Lexington,	"	"
S H. Thompson	High Point,	"	"
J. M. Pugh	Randleman,	"	"
W. S. Adderton	Denton,	"	"
J. N. Stallings	Thomasville,	"	"
John A. Summey	Hannersville,	"	"

LICENTIATES.

G. W. Henderson	Eldorado,	North	Carolina.
M. J. Leach	Lassiter's Mills,	"	"

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Abbott's Creek	N. W. Beeson	Abbott's Creek,	N. C.
Clemmonsville	A. T. Hanes	Clemmonsville,	"
Eldorado	A. L. Henderson	Eldorado,	"
High Point	R. C. Charles	High Point,	"
Holloway's	H. J. Palmer	Silver Hill,	"
Jackson's Creek			
Jersey			
Kernersville	W. H. Hepler	Kernersville,	N. C.
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington,	"
Liberty	D. H. Hepler	Hannersville,	"
Lick Creek			
Marion			
New Friendship			
Oak Hill			
Pine M. House	L. H. Snider	Jubilee,	N. C.
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Pugh	Randleman,	"
Reed's X Roads	H. M. Stockton	Michæl,	"
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers	Jims,	"
Summerville			
Thomasville			
Tom's Creek			

PROCEEDINGS.

LICK CREEK CHURCH,
DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 25th, 1887.

In the absence of Elder S. H. Thompson, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon, by request, it was preached by Elder Henry Sheets.

After an intermission of one hour, the body convened for the transaction of business.

The Moderator read part of 119th Psalms.

Elder Thomas Carrick then led in prayer.

On motion, the letters from the different churches were called for. Brothers R. T. Hamner and R. D. Cross were appointed as reading clerks.

The names of messengers were enrolled as follows:

ABBOTT'S CREEK—N. W. Beeson, C. W. Davis and C. H. Teague.
ELDORADO—S. R. Coggin, J. G. Henderson, H. A. Henderson.
HIGH POINT—A. C. Jones, J. F. Ellison and G. G. Burns.
HOLLOWAY'S—J. M. Prim, R. D. Cross and James I. Stoner.
JACKSON'S CREEK—Represented by letter.
JERSEY—David Smith, G. A. Feezor and C. C. Carrick.
KERNERSVILLE—Represented by letter.
LEXINGTON—James Smith, H. P. Gallimore and John T. Yarbrough.
LIBERTY—J. M. Easter.
LICK CREEK—W. P. Redwine, B. C. Cole and W. R. Daniel.
MARION—C. S. Green.
CLEMMONSVILLE—A. T. Hanes and Frank Cook.
NEW FRIENDSHIP—A. P. Snider and Andrew Sink.
OAK HILL—M F. Underwood, Isaiah Kennedy and John G. Welborn.
PINE M. HOUSE—Joseph Beck, R. F. Wilson, J. H. Feezor.
PLEASANT GROVE—J. M. Pugh.
REED'S X ROADS—R. B. Gentle and James A. Myers.
RICH FORK—Wm. Bowers, J. H. Mills and John Kennedy.
SUMMERVILLE—L. A. Tysinger and John Greer.
THOMASVILLE—James A. Delke.
TOM'S CREEK—Samson Newsom and H. L. Gallimore.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers by ballot. Brothers J. H. Mills and C. C. Carrick were appointed tellers. They reported that Elder William Turner was re-elected Moderator, Elder Henry Sheets, Clerk, and Brother R. T. Hamner Treasurer.

The Committee on Religious Exercise announced that Elder J. C. Denny would preach here to-night.

The Moderator then gave an invitation to messengers from newly-constituted churches.

Visiting brethren from sister Associations were invited to report themselves; whereupon Elders J. F. Hodge, of the Stanly, and J. C. Denny of the Pee Dee Association, reported and were welcomed to seats in the body.

At the request of Brother R T. Hamner, our Treasurer, the Moderator appointed an Auditing Committee, consisting of Brother James Smith and Thomas Carrick.

The Chair made the following appointment of committees.

On State Missions—Thomas Carrick and A. C. Jones.
On Education—R. D. Cross and N. W. Beeson.
On Associational Missions—The Executive Committee of this Association.
On Periodicals—J. H. Mills and C. H. Teague.
On Foreign Missions—J. M. Prim and J. H. Feezor.
On Home Missions—C. C. Carrick and Henry Sheets.
On Charity and Baptist Orphanage—J. H. Mills and John A. Summey.
On Sunday Schools—A. T. Hanes and James A. Myers.
On State of Religion and Temperance—C. W. Davis and Wm. Bowers.
On Finance—W. P. Redwine and J. G. Henderson.

The consideration of state of Religion and Temperance was made the special order for 10 o'clock next Saturday morning.

On motion, agreed to meet at 9:30 o'clock each morning.

A motion prevailed to appoint the time, place and preacher for the next meeting of this body.

It was appointed to meet with the church at Reed's X Roads, 5 miles west from Lexington, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in Augnst, 1888, Elder Thomas Carrick to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26TH.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. A. Summey, Moderator, in the Chair.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Brother John E. Ray, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Missions of the Baptist State Convention, and Elder C. S. Farris, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, responded to an invitation to visiting brethren to seats in the body.

A letter from Elder A. G. McManaway, Vice-President of the Home Mission Board of State Baptist Convention, was received and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Brother R. T. Hamner complained that Marion Church was holding in fellowship members who engage in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

On motion of Brother J. H. Mills, the matter was referred to the Committee on State of Religion and Temperance.

Elder Carrick read the report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The importance of the State Mission Work is well known to all who are keeping pace with the work of the Baptist State Convention. The State Mission Board has a larger number of missionaries in its employ this year than ever before. The Baptist State Convention at its last session in the city of Wilmington voted an appropriation of $10,000 to the State Mission work. The missionaries have been appointed in the various destitute sections of the State. These men of God have been doing their work faithfully and under their ministry many souls have been led to Christ. The Board now appeals to the various Associations for funds to carry on the work and to support the men in the field. Owing to the large increase of work and the greater demands made upon the Board, we are urged by Brother Ray, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, to increase our pledges this year, that the Board may not be under the necessity of reporting a debt. Brethren, shall this work go forward or shall it falter? The need of funds just now is urgent. The Lord has blessed us with abundant crops. Let us make a faithful return unto Him of a due portion of that which He has placed in our hands.

THOS. CARRICK, } Committee.
A. C. JONES, }

At the close of speeches by Brothers Carrick and Ray, and after pledges from the churches had been secured, the report was adopted.

The report on periodicals was made the special order for 1 o'clock this afternoon.

It was announced that Elder J. N. Stallings would preach to-night.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, August 26th.

Association called to order.

Prayer was offered by Prof. James A. Delke, for Mr. Henry Trantham's family, praying God's blessing upon them in their sickness.

At the request of the Committee on State of Religion and Temperance, that this committee be increased by the addition of three, the Moderator added the following names: Thomas Carrick, H. Sheets and J. H. Mills.

The special order for this hour being the consideration of the report on periodicals, it was read by Brother Mills.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Those who fear the Lord talk often with each other. This was the rule in the days of the prophets—it is the rule now. Since people have scattered over the earth, religious papers are essential to the comfort and progress of the Lord's people. The *Biblical Recorder* is the organ of the white Baptists of North Carolina East of the Blue Ridge. Every Baptist family needs it. The *Foreign Mission Journal* tells of our work in other countries. Our children need *Kind Words* to guide them in the way of life. *Charity and Children* is published for those who feel an interest in the Orphanage. We recommend all these papers as worthy of liberal patronage.

J. H. MILLS,
C. H. TEAGUE, } Committee.

Speeches were made by Brothers Carrick, Sheets, Denny, Summey, Farris and Ray.

The report was adopted.

Brother R. D. Cross read the report on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee must say that the Baptists of this Association are not as earnestly engaged in the important question of education as we should be. While we are pleased to know that there is some progress in that direction, regrettingly we say that many of our brethren are not enough awake to avail themselves of the educational advantages that might be had, if we were in earnest. All the Baptist Churches in this Association can and ought to see that schools worthy of their patronage are amply provided for and run in their respective communities. If all the Baptists in this State would do this, the youth of our land would be much more desirous and would bathe in our pure streams of knowledge. Wake Forest College would number four hundred students instead of nearly two hundred. Wake Forest, with her increased apparatus and corps of teachers, is offering many advantages. Thomasville, Shelby, Oxford and Murfreesboro female colleges are doing an excellent work in the education of the women of the State. About thirty-five young ministers have been supported by the Board of Education, and the demands for our aid are great that the work may increase in magnitude. The demands of the world are educated men and women, and the demands of God are to do the work He has committed to us. Shall we do this?

R. D. CROSS,
N. W. BEESON, } Committee.

After speeches by Brothers R. D. Cross and J. N. Stallings, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Exercise announced that Brother M. J. Leach would conduct religious services to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Brother Carrick.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27TH.

Religious services, conducted by the Moderator.

Brother Carrick moved that the speeches be limited to 10 minutes. Carried.

The Executive Committee, viz: H. J. Palmer, G. F. Smith, Sr., A. P. Snider, James Smith and R. T. Hamner, were put in nomination, and on motion, were continued another year.

The hour for the special order having arrived (State of Religion and Temperance) the committee were allowed further time.

The committee appointed at the last session to visit Tom's Creek Church and ascertain why they do not represent themselves in this body, and report at this session, submitted their report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg lief to report: That on the third Sunday in June, 1887, they did visit the Church at Tom's Creek, and finding present two members of said Church, made inquiry after the reason why they had not been represented in the body. They gave the following: "We have had no pastor, neither church meetings, and therefore have neglected to represent ourselves in your body."

JOHN A. SUMMEY, J. H. DANIEL, H. J. PALMER,	Committee.

Inasmuch as the Church was represented this year, it was moved to excuse them. Carried.

The Church at Eldorado asked this body to examine Bro. M. J. Leach, a member of said Church, and if found worthy, ordain him to the full work of the gospel ministry.

On motion, the matter was referred back to the Church of which he is a member, the Associatition not having the power to ordain a minister.

Bro. R. T. Hamner read the

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Dear brethren, inasmuch as the pledges made last year by the churches were so meager for this object, your committee were forced to undertake a limited amount of work. The work at Kernersville was considered of the greatest importance, and an appropriation of fifty dollars was made by the board to asssist in the work there. The outlook there is very encouraging. Brother Stallings is hopeful for an early increase. The church is struggling to finish their house and they deserve the sympathy and aid of the Association. Oak Hill is still weak and struggling. Fifty dollars was appropriated to this point. The Church there develops slowly, but we hope soon to see them put on new strength and move forward. There are several places within our territory *that ought to be cultivated*, and we would earnestly urge the Churches to a more extended effort for this important work. We ought to have at least nineteen more Churches in our territory. The appeals for the gospel are strong. The harvest is white and we ought to heed these Macedonian cries. The Churches are not as actively engaged in the Sunday school work as they might be. According to the church letters only eleven have schools. The total amount of money raised for all purposes by the schools is $100.66. Five Churches have no schools, viz: Jackson's Creek, Tom's Creek, Thomasville, Summerville and Oak Hill. We would recommend every Church to have a Sunday school. We append

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—	
Abbott's Creek	$ 6.86
Clemmonsville	8.77
Eldorado	——
High Point	10.00
Holloways	10.90
Jackson's Creek	——
Jersey	20.00
Kernersville	2.50
Lexington	10.00
Liberty	5.00
Lick Creek	3.51
Marion	——
New Friendship	6.12
Oak Hill	——
Pine M. House	11.09
Pleasant Grove	6.75
Reed's X Roads	10.00
Rich Fork	2.30
Summerville	.80
Thomasville	5.64
Tom's Creek	——
Union Meeting	7.71
Total	$127.95
	102.50
Balance on hand	$24.45

Disbursements—	
Amount paid to S. H. Thompson	50.00
Amount paid to J. N. Stallings	50.00
Amount paid for postage, stationery, etc.	2.50
Total	$102.50

JAMES SMITH,
A. P. SNIDER,
G. F. SMITH, SR., Ex. Com.
H. J. PALMER,
R. T. HAMNER,

The report was discussed by Brothers R. T. Hamner, J. N. Stallings, Henry Sheets, A. P. Snider, Thomas Carrick, Geo. W. Henderson and J. A. Summey.

The report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of Marion Church offered the following report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Marion Church for holding in fellowship members who engage in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, do respectfully recommend :—

I. That a committee of three be appointed to labor with this Church and ask the Church to require of its members who engage in this traffic, that they discontinue the same.

II. And should such members persist in their course, and should the Church not withdraw fellowship from them, that the same be reported to this Association next year, with a view of this body withdrawing its fellowship from this Church.

C. W. DAVIS,
WM. BOWERS,
HENRY SHEETS,
THOS. CARRICK,
J. H. MILLS.

After remarks by J. A. Summey, C. S. Green, R. T. Hamner, N. W. Beeson, J. H. Mills and J. N. Stallings, the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee to visit said Church, viz: J. A. Summey, Henry Sheets and Thomas Carrick.

Brother W. P. Redwine read the report on finance.

Adopted. (See report elsewhere.)

The Committee on Finance reported that they held a surplus of four dollars.

A motion to place this with the minute fund was lost.

Another motion was then made to give it to the Baptist Orphanage. Motion Carried.

Following this was the reading of the

REPORT ON CHARITY AND ORPHANAGE.

Charity is love put into practice. Christian charity is the practical manifestation of Christian love. The care of the children of our dead brethren and sisters is a Christian duty, too long neglected. At last the Baptists of our State have opened orphan houses near Thomasville, where we are trying to do for our nephews and nieces in the gospel what we would like for others to do for our children if we were dead. We recommend liberal contributions to the orphanage.

J. H. MILLS,
JNO. A. SUMMEY.

On motion, Brother J. H. Mills was asked to discuss this report tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The motion was carried and the report adopted.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 27TH.

At 1 o'clock the Moderator called the body together.

Prayer by Brother Sheets.

A motion was made that the clerk superintend the printing the Minutes, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his ser- ces. Carried.

By a vote of the body it was agreed that any brother ending the Baptist State Convention consider himself a legate.

Elder J. N. Stallings offered the following:

Resolved, That to aid in supplying the destitution within our n bounds, our Associational Board be instructed to corres- nd with the Home Mission Board of the S. B. C., state the cessity for help and ask an appropriation to that end.

Then was read the

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren: Your committee report with much pleasure at the Churches in this Association are making a forward ovement. A great many of them have been blessed with a acious revival of religion. An evidence of growth in grace manifest in this, that there are a greater number of the mem- rs of churches who are now interested in the development their number in the grace of giving. Notwithstanding the ogress of many of our churches, it is with regret that some e pastorless and have been, more or less, for several years. e commend these weaker churches to the consideration of our body. And further, seeing that intemperance is one of e greatest evils in the land, we as Christians, as Churches, as Association, and as a denomination, should be total abstain- s ourselves, and use our influence against the evil in every ay, because we are commanded to abstain the appearance of vil. And also, not to defile the temple of God. If drunken- ess be a sin, dram drinking is a sin also; even in its most oderate way. We pray that the sin of dram drinking may be en by every Christian. And that they use their influence ainst this degrading practice.

C. W. DAVIS,
WM. BOWERS,
J. H. MILLS,
THOS. CARRICK,
HENRY SHEETS.

Brother E. C. Davis made an effective speech against the vils of strong drink, and in support of the report, after which was adopted.

Brother J. M. Prim read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

North Carolina Baptists now have three missionaries preach- ng the Gospel to the heathen. Heretofore they have had but one. They appeal to us for aid and reinforcements. We ought to heed their earnest appeals, and actively engage in the work of sending the gospel to the benighted heathen, and never rest until all of them are given to the Lord for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. Comparatively, we have very few missionaries in the foreign field, and have given very little to it. Let us bestir ourselves and awake to the importance of this great work.

J. M. PRIM, } Committee.
J. H. FEEZOR, }

After pledges had been taken, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions knowing the importance of this work, suggest that the churches increase their contributions to this work, inasmuch as the work of the Board is enlarging. This Board had in its employ during the past conventional year: Missionaries, 251; places occupied, 822. The number of additions were:

Baptisms	3,923
Received by letter	2,319
Total additions	6,242
Sunday Schools reported	318
Teachers and pupils	13,031
Churches constituted	119
Houses built	62
Expenditures have been for Missions	$86,827.05
Our Missionaries have raised for houses of worship built upon their fields of labor	35,270.15
Total	$122,097.20

This sum represents actual work done for the Baptists of the South. Let us do our *whole* duty, asking the Lord to help us in the work.

C. C. CARRICK,
HENRY SHEETS.

After the report was discussed by Brothers Farris and Sheets, it was adopted.

Those whose names follow, are appointed to look after Home Missions in their respective churches:

Abbott's Creek—C. W. Davis, Abbott's Creek, N. C.
Clemmonsville—Frank Cook, Clemmonsville, N. C.
Eldorado—A. L. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.
High Point—J. F. Ellison, High Point, N. C.
Holloways—J. F. Carrick, Silver Hill, N. C.
Jackson's Creek—John A. Barnes, Jackson's Creek, N. C.

Jersey—G. W. Smith, Sr., Linwood, N. C.
Kernersville—W. R. Clinard, Kernersville, N. C.
Lexington—J. M. Stoner, Lexington, N. C.
Liberty—D. H. Hepler, Hannersville, N. C.
Lick Creek—Peter Cross, Bringles, N. C.
Marion—C. S. Green, Lexington, N. C.
New Friendship--Andrew Sink, Salem, N. C.
Oak Hill—John G. Welborn, Thomasville, N. C.
Pine M. House—Charles Barnes, Tyro Shops, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—John Elmore, Randleman, N. C.
Reed's X Roads—A. C. Wood, Michael, N. C.
Rich Fork—W. L. Wagoner, Thomasville, N. C.
Summerville—W. T. Tysinger, Denton, N. C.
Thomasville—James A. Delke, Thomasville, N. C.
Tom's Creek—H. L. Gallimore, Denton, N. C.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See report elsewhere.)

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Recognizing the importance of the Sunday School work as a factor in the development of the Church, and believing that actively engaging in Sunday School work leads to greater activity in every department of church work, therefore, we earnestly recommend to all the churches the necessity of maintaining a live Sunday School for fifty-two Sundays in the year.

A. T. HAYNES,
JAS. A. MYERS.

In connection with the above, the following was offered.

Resolved, That the Liberty Association request the Sunday School Board of the Baptist State Convention to establish, as soon as practicable, a general system of colportage.

After remarks, the report and resolution were adopted.

A motion was made asking the churches to appoint one in each church as an agent to secure subscribers for the *Biblical Recorder*. Carried.

Professor James A. Delke offered a resolution of thanks to the brethren and sisters of this church, as well as friends generally, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have treated us since we gathered together here.

The business of the Association now being closed, the Moderator was asked to make some closing remarks. He responded with remarks which touched all our hearts.

Thus closed the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of Liberty Association. WILLIAM TURNER, *Moderator*.

HENRY SHEETS, *Clerk*.

SUNDAY MORNING, August 28th.

The clouds which hung so heavily for a day or two now lifted and a large crowd congregated by 10 o'clock to hear an address by Bro. J. H. Mills on Charity and Baptist Orphanage.

At 11 o'clock, Elder J. N. Stallings preached to a large and orderly congregation.

After refreshments, singing under the large arbor brought the people together again. Elder Thomas Carrick preached the last sermon of the meeting. It was noticeable that nearly the entire congregation remained to the last. It was a good day. The time had come for separation, yet the people lingered—regretting to give and take the parting hand.

FINANCIAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.	
1866—	
Aug. —, For printing minutes	$ 25.76
1887—	
Jan. 30, For State Missions, U. M	6.65
May 29, For Education U. M	7.57
July 30, For Associational Mission, U.M.	7.71
Aug. —, For Associational Missions, (chs.)	120.24
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., State Missions	14.29
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., Ass'nl. Missions	3.00
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., Home Missions	19.30
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., F'gn. Missions	20.21
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., Minutes	25.60
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., Orphanage	.25
Aug. —, Rec'd. from F. C., Education	20.99
Aug. —, Received from Public Col., State Missions	12.07
Aug. —, Received from Over plus from F. C., Orphanage	5.02
Total	$288.66

Disbursements.	
1886—	
Sept. —, For printing Minutes	$ 16.95
1887—	
Feb. —, T. B. S. C. for State Missions (U.M.)	6.65
May 29, T. B. S. C. for Education (U.M.)	7.57
July 30, T. B. S. C. for Ass'n'l. Missions	102.50
July —, For Clerk fee	10.00
Aug. —, Amount paid J.H.Mills for Orphanage (over plus)	5.02
Total	148.69
Balance on hand	$139.97

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.
Abbott's Creek	$........	$	$	$	$ 3.02	$ ..	$ 2.30
Clemmonsville	2.00	......	1.50	4.54	.50	.25	1.94
Eldorado	1.00	.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	..	.95
High Point	....	......	2.60	1.10	3.75	..	1.50
Holloway's	....	....	2.03	1.40	1.37	..	2.50
Jackson's Creek	1.00	1.00	.22	......	......	..	.50
Jersey	1.05	....	......	2.35	1.05	..	1.50
Kernersville	.. ..	......	......	......	......	..	1.00
Lexington	....	......	......	......	....	..	2.00
Liberty	1.50	......	.65	1.42	1.50	..	1.31
Lick Creek	1.80	.75	.38	.40	....	..	2.15
Marion	......	.25	.25	......	....	..	.25
New Friendship	......	.....	4.67	......	....	..	2.50
Oak Hill	......	......	1.00	......	.30	..	....
Pine M. House	.....	......	......	....	....	..	2.80
Reed's X Roads	1.65	......	2.00	2.00	5.00	..	1.60
Rich Fork	.79	.....	......	......	.50	..	1.00
Summerville	1.50	1.00	1.00	......	....	..	1.00
Thomasville	2.00	......	2.00	5.00	3.00	..	1.00
Tom's Creek	......	......	......	......	....	..	.60
	$14.29	$ 3.00	$19.30	$20.21	$20.99	.25	$28.40

W. P. Redwine, } Financial Committee.
J. G. Henderson, }

TABLE OF PLEDGES

Made at Liberty Association for the Year's Work Ending August, 1888.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foregn Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Total.
Abbott's Creek....	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 10.00	$ 2.50	$ 3.00	$ 25.50
Clemmonsville....	8.00	10.00	10.00	2.50	7·50	38.00
Eldorado..........	1.00	....	5.00	....	1.00	7.00
High Point	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.50	5.00	27.50
Holloway's	8.00	10.00	12.50	4.00	10.00	44.50
Jackson's Creek...	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jersey	20.00	12.50	25.00	5.00	10.00	72.50
Kernersville	3.00	1.00	5.00	1.50	2.50	13.00
Lexington.........	20.00	16.00	10.00	12.00	14.00	72.00
Liberty	5.00	4.00	10.00	2.00	3.00	24.00
Lick Creek........	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.50	3.00	19.50
Marion	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Friendship...	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	23.00
Oak Hill..........	1.00	....	5.00	....	1.00	7 00
Pine M. House....	15.00	10.00	15.00	3.00	10.00	53.00
Pleasant Grove....	5.00	....	....	2.00	....	7.00
Reed's X Roads...	5.00	5.00	12.50	....	5.00	27.50
Rich Fork.........	20.00	2.50	....	....	....	22.50
Summerville......	2.00	....	2.50	....	1.00	5.50
Thomasville	3.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	3.00	23.00
Tom's Creek.......	1.00	....	1.00	....	....	2.00
Liberty Union.....	8.00	....	....	....	....	8.00
Missionary Sc'ty. of T'omasville F. Col.	....	15.00	....	....	....	15.00
Totals	$145.00	$111.00	$153.50	$ 43.50	$ 84.00	$537.00

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1887.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ass'n'l. Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Sunday Schools.	Ministers in Protracted Meetings.	Incidental Expenses.	Baptist Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	$ 3.15	$ 4.00	$ 6.86	$ 1.95	$ 3 02	$	$ 20.00	$	$ 2.00	$	$100.00	$140.98
Clemmonsville.........	8.04	10.00	8.77	3.00	7.50	23.24	5.00	2.95	3.27	......	100.00	171.77
Eldorado	1.00	2.00	....	1.00	1.00	....	....	......	......	......	55.00	60.00
High Point	5.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	9.17	....	20.69	......	.....	225.00	284.86
Holloway's	6.00	8.25	10.00	2.00	8.25	....	37.86	....	6.80	3.00	100.00	182.26
Jackson's Creek.........	....	1.92	....	....	.. ..	....	....	....	......	......	....	1.92
Jersey	15.00	5.50	20.00	....	5.00	....	....	6.00	4.15	16.75	150.00	222.40
Kernersville	3.00	....	2.50	1.50	2.50	7.00	....	66.09	...	...	75.00	157.59
Lexington	17.47	17.32	10.00	11.00	16.99	35.00	32.00	155.50	10.72	40.00	200.00	546.00
Liberty	1.50	1.39	5.00	.65	1.50	....	....	1.00	....	17.00	75.00	103.04
Lick Creek..............	1.80	.40	3.57	.38	....	....	20.00	....	......	......	100.00	126.09
Marion.....................	....	....	.25	.25	....	....	....	....	......	...	10.00	10.50
New Friendship	.50	8.50	6.12	4.67	7.10	3.19	40.31	15.00	4.02	......	100.00	189.41
Oak Hill	1.00	.30	....	....	....	....	... ...	....	....	......	60.00	61.30
Pine M. House...	3.14	4.27	11.09	....	....	2.57	22.29	6.20	......	1.84	200.00	251.40
Pleasant Grove.........	2.87	2.87	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	8.00	75.00	88.74
Reed's X Roads	5.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	5.00	....	15.10	....	......	......	100.00	142.10
Rich Fork	2.50	.80	2.30	2.50	3.00	....	10.40	....	......	1.77	60.00	83.27
Summerville..........	1.50	....	.80	1.50	.50	....	....	....	......	......	....	4.30
*Thomasville	4.00	10.00	5.64	4.00	6.00	....	14.00	....	29.17	7.07	....	79.88

*Thomasville Female College contributed $15.00 to Foreign Missions. For Tom's Creek Church there are no figures given.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1887.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.		Baptized.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Recd by Restor't'n	D'sm'sed by Let'r	Excluded.	Dead.	Number Rep't'd. last Year.	Present Membership.	No. S. Schools.	Offic'rs. & Tc'h'rs.	No. Pupils.	Total No. Enroll'd	Sabbath of Preaching.
Abbott's Creek	Wm. Turner, : :	Salem, : :	N. C.	...	...	1	1	. .	1	130	129	1	7	59	66	3d.
Clemmonsville	S. F. Conrad, :	Lewisville, :	"	5	1	...	4	4	2	108	106	1	6	48	54	4th.
Eldorado	James Jordan, :	Troy, : :	"	3	2	1	. .	. .	1	79	84	1	7	57	64	2d.
High Point	S. H. Thompson,	High Point, :	"	4	3	...	9	. .	1	71	68	1	. .	60	60	2-4h
Holloway's	Wm. Turner, : :	Salem, : :	"	14	...	...	4	6	4	171	173	. .	. .	. .	. .	2d.
Jackson's Creek...	A. P. Stoker, :	Denton, : :	"	7	3	...	. .	. .	1	29	38	. .	. .	. .	. .	3d.
Jersey	S. H. Thompson,	High Point,	"	...	...	2	5	3	. .	111	104	. .	. .	. .	. .	1st.
Kernersville	J. N. Stallings, :	Thomasville, :	"	8	5	1	. .	1	. .	10	23	1	6	58	64	4th.
Lexington	Thos. Carrick, : :	Lexington, :	"	4	13	...	6	. .	2	81	90	1	7	75	82	2 3 4
Liberty	J. N. Stallings, :	Thomasville, :	"	23	1	2	6	2	1	155	172	2	9	97	106	2d.
Lick Creek	Wm. Turner, : :	Salem, : :	"	16	...	...	1	. .	2	103	113	. .	. .	50	50	4th.
Marion.........	Supt. J. A. Summey,	Hannersville,	"	...	...	...	. .	. .	1	21	20	. .	. .	. .	. .	......
New Friendship ...	Wm. Turner, : :	Salem, : : :	"	13	...	...	. .	. .	. .	113	126	. .	. .	25	25	1st.
Oak Hill................	S. H. Thompson,	High Point,	"	4	. .	...	. .	1	1	28	30	. .	. .	. .	. .	3d.
Pine M. House	Henry Sheets, : :	Lexington, :	"	65	7	1	1	2	. .	162	232	1	6	36	42	2-4h
Pleasant Grove	— — Ellington, :	Unknown.		...	...	...	. .	. .	. .	47	46	1	6	69	75	......
Reed's X Roads....	Henry Sheets, : :	Lexington, :	"	19	. .	...	. .	4	1	108	122	1	10	65	75	1st.
Rich Fork	Henry Sheets, :	Lexington, :	"	26	5	...	. .	2	. .	21	50	1	6	80	86	3d.
Summerville	A. P. Stoker, : :	Denton, : :	"	8	...	...	. .	3	2	74	77	. .	. .	. .	. .	......
Thomasville	J. N. Stallings, :	Thomasville, :	"	...	2	...	6	. .	. .	33	29	. .	. .	. .	. .	1-3d
Tom's Creek..........				...	...	...	2	1	. .	25	22	. .	. .	. .	. .	2d.
				219	42	8	45	29	20	1680	1854	12	70	779	849	

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

The Baptist Church at....................................... *to the Liberty Baptist Association, for* 188..

Dear Brethren: We have chosen the following brethren as Messengers to represent us in your body, viz:

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....

And..*Alternate.*

STATISTICS OF OUR CHURCH.

Baptized, - - ....
Received by letter, - ....
Rec'd. by restoration, ...
Dismissed by letter, - ....
Excluded, - - ....
Dead, - - - ....
No. reported last year, ...
Present number, - - ....
No. S. S. Scholars, - ....
No. officers & teachers, ...
No. Pupils, - - ....
Total No. S. S. scholars enrolled, - - ....
Sabbath of preaching, ...
No. of Recorders taken in our Church, - ....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

State Missions, - - ....
Foreign Missions, - ....
Associational Missions ....
Home Missions, - - ....
Education, - - ....
Baptist Orphanage, ...
For our own Sabbath School, - - - ....
For Sunday School Board, - - - ....
Ministers in protracted meetings, - - ....
Incidental Expenses, ...
Other Objects, - - ....
Minute Fund, - - ....
Pastor's Salary, - ....

Pastor..
His Postoffice..........................

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His Postoffice..........................

Sabbath School Superintendent ....
His Postoffice..........................

The condition of our Church is: ....

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If you have no Sunday School, why? ....

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..................................*Moderator.*

....................................*Ch. Clerk.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Read minutes of preceding day.
2. Read Constitution and Rules of Order.
3. Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
4. Invitation to new churches to unite with us.
5. Report on State Missions.
6. Report on Ministerial Education.
7. Report on Associational Missions.
8. Report on Ministerial Support.
9. Report on Periodicals.
10. Report on Foreign Missions.
11. Report on Home Missions.
12. Report on Charity and Baptist Orphanage.
13. Report on Sabbath Schools.
14. Report on State of Religion and Temperance.
15. Report of Committee on Finance.
16. Appointment of Time, Place and Preacher for next Association.
17. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention.
18. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.
19. Miscellaneous Business.
20. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—‡OF‡—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with the church at

Reed's X Roads, Davidson County N. C.,

August 23rd, 24th, and 25th, 1888.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION:

Place—New Friendship Church, Forsythe County, N. C.
Time—Tuesday before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1889.

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Orphanage Press, Thomasville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier,	Level Plain,	N. C.	William Turner,	Salem,	N. C.
Wm. H. Hamner,	Thomasville,	“	Aaron Yarborough,	Lexington,	“
H. Morton,	Thomasville,	“	A. P. Stoker,	Denton,	“
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	“	Henry Sheets,	Lexington,	“
J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	“	W. S. Adderton,	Denton,	“
J. N. Stallings,	Thomasville,	“	Thomas Carrick,	Lexington,	“
P. H. Pernell,	Thomasville,	“	Jno. A. Summey,	Hannersville.	“
M. J. Leach,	Lassiter's Mills,	“	C. S. Farriss,	High Point,	“

LICENTIATE,

G. W. Henderson, Edorado, - - - North Carolina.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator: James Smith, Lexington, . . North Carolina.
Clerk: Elder Henry Sheets, Lexington, . . “ “
Treasurer: R. T. Hamner, Lexington . . “ “

AUDITORS.

Elder Thomas Carrick and James Smith.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

James Smith, A. P. Snider, R. T. Hamner, C. C. Carrick John. M. Stoner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Abbott's Creek,	No School.			
Clemmonsville,	A. T. Hanes,	Clemmonsville,	N.	C.
Eldorado,	J. G. Henderson,	Eldorado,	“	“
High Point,	R. C. Charles,	High Point,	“	“
Jackson's Creek,	No School.			
Jersey,	C. C. Carrick,	Lexington,	“	“
Kernersville,	J. R. Miller,	Kernersville,	“	“
Lexington,	C. W. Trice,	Lexington,	“	“
Liberty,	G. W. Summey,	Hannersville,	“	“
Lick Creek,	W. S. Carrick,	Bringle's,	“	“
Marion,	No School.			
New Friendship,	J. O. Teague,	Salem,	“	“
Oak Hill.	M. F. Underwood,	Thomasville,	“	“
Pine M. House,	W. C. Grubb,	Jubilee,	“	“
Pleasant Grove,	J. M. Pugh,	Randleman,	“	“
Reed's X Roads,	C. A. Snider,	Michaël,	“	“
Rich Fork,	Wm. Bowers,	Jimes,	“	“
Summerville,	L. A. Tysinger,	Denton,	“	“
Thomasville,	J. A. Delke,	Thomasville,	“	“
Tom's Creek,	No School.			

PROCEEDINGS.

Reed's X Roads, Davidson County, N. C. August 23rd, 1888.

The Liberty Association met with this Church to-day in its fifty-fifth Annual Session. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. Durham from John I:14.

RECESS FOR DINNER.

After the intermission, Moderator Turner called the body to order and read Psalm III.

The letters from different churches were handed in and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek: John Teague, Wm. Clinard and C. H. Teague.
Clemmonsville, Frank Cook and A. T. Hanes.
Eldorado, W. B. Beaman.
High Point: N. W. Beeson, A. C. Jones and Thos, A. Wiles.
Holloway's: H. J. Palmer, J. A. Carrick and J. F. Carrick.
Jackson's Creek: E. L. Harris, B. W. Hill and Sidney Laughlin.
Jersey: G. W. Palmer, Z. T. Sharpe and H. P. Feezor.
Lexington: John M. Stoner and J. M. Wilkie,
Kernersville, B. A. Brown.
Liberty: Michaël Easter and Alfred S. Miller.
Lick Creek: W. P. Redwine, B. C. Cole and W. S. Carrick.
Marion: Jacob R. Lopp, John A. Leonard and R. S. Green.
New Friendship: Franklin Motsinger, Andrew Sink and S. A. Hege.
Oak Hill: J. P. Welborn and C. N. Rayals.
Pine M. House: O. W. Click and W. B. Grubb.
Pleasant Grove: Represented by letter.
Reed's X Roads: R. B. Myers, John Massey and C. R. Myers.
Rich Fork: Wm. Clinard.
Summerville: L. A. Tysinger and W. T. Tysinger.
Thomasville: James A. Delke.
Tom's Creek: Andrew J. Buie.

Elder Thomas Carrick moved that, it is the sense of this association that the brethren composing the Executive Committee be and the same are hereby made members of this body. The motion prevailed.

The association then proceeded to the election of a Moderator.

Elder Turner, the present Moderator, asked, in consequence of his infirmity, that he be excused from further service in that capacity. The body proceeded to vote by ballot. Elders C. Durham and S. H. Thompson were appointed tellers. They reported Bro. James Smith elected.

Bro. Smith was conducted to the chair. After thanking the body for this token of confidence, he urged, to go forward in the Master's work. An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. The following named brethren reported: Elders J. C. Denny of the Pee Dee, and S. H. Thompson of the Raleigh Association; Elder John Mitchell representing the Education Board; Elder W. L. Wright, Vice President of the Board of Foreign Missions; Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

The Moderator then made the following appointment of committees.
On State Missions: C. Durham and W. C. Grubb.
" Education: John Mitchell and N. W. Beeson.
" Associational Missions: Ex. Com. of Liberty Association.
" Periodicals: S. H. Thompson and B. C. Cole.
" Foreign Missions: W. L. Wright and A. T. Hanes.
" Home Missions: Thomas Carrick and W. T. Tysinger.
" Charity and Baptist Orphanage: James A. Delke, J. C. Denny and A. C. Jones.
" Sunday Schools: John A. Summey and James A. Myers.
" State of Religion and Temperance: G. W. Palmer and A. P. Snider.
" Colportage: R. T. Hamner and J. N. Stallings.
" Finance: John M. Stoner and W. B. Beaman.
" Religious Exercises: Pastors, Deacons and Delegates of this church.

On motion it was agreed to meet at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. spend half an hour in religious exercises, adjourn at 12 M. meet at 1:30 P. M. and adjourn at will.

It was announced that Elder P. H. Pernell would preach in this house to night; Elder John Mitchell to conduct the religious services to-morrow morning, and Elder C. Durham to preach here to-morrow night. A motion was made to the effect that this body met on Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in August, instead of Thursday as heretofore: after a short debate, it was carried.

Foreign Missions was made the special order of to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Moderator appointed G. F. Smith Sen., and P. H. Pernell a committee to name the place and preacher for next association.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20th.

Spent half an hour in devotional service.

On motion it was agreed to make State Missions the special order for 10:30 o'clock. The rules of order were suspended in order to report on periodicals. Elder S. H. Thompson read

THE REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Periodical Literature is a necessity to the best development of any people. Every interest and business has its medium to reach the public mind. The church paper is not a luxury that may be dispensed with at will; but is an absolute necessity to the best development and welfare of the denomination.

Recognizing this fact, we would recommend to our people:

1. The Biblical Recorder, the Organ of N. C. Baptists. This paper should be in every family in our churches. As a medium of communication among our people, as a help to the pastor and as a stimulus to greater efficiency in work, it is indispensable.

2. The Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field and the Gospel Herald. These papers will keep our people informed as to our mission work in all fields.

3. The Publication Society's S. S. papers and also the Kind Word Series of our Southern Baptist Convention.

4. Charity and Children, the paper published by the Orphanage, at Thomasville.

Respectfully Submitted
S. H. Thompson,
B. C. Cole.

After speeches by S. H. Thompson and C. Durham, the report was adopted.

Elder W. L. Wright read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mission work is obedience to our Savior's last command. Foreign Missions is the work we do for those who are furthest away and in the greatest need. All mission work is one and tends to one great end and we can dispense with no part of it. Our people are trying to "go into all the world" and so have missions in the Associations, the state, the territories, in Mexico, in Cuba, in Brazil, in Italy, in Africa and in China. During the past year fourteen new missionaries have been appointed. At its last Session, the Flat River Association pledged itself to support Bro. Watkins for two years in the Seminary and then in China for life. This is a step in the right direction.

The time has come when our Associations and our churches should engage to support their Missionaries. This will form a closer link between the church at home and the representative on the foreign field.

Since the meeting of our Convention, in Durham, our churches have given a little more than $5000. This is more than we have ever given during the same months. We are anxions to carry this amount to $10,000 by the meeting in Greensboro. The churches of this Association report as given during the year $75.52. Suggestions

1. There should be more sermons and addresses on missions before our churches and sunday schools.
2. The increased number of missionaries will demand increased contributions.
3. The Foreign Mission Journal is greatly improved and should be in every home.
4. There should be some system in each church by which a contribution should be secured from every member.
5. God requires every saved man and woman either to go and carry the gospel to the heathen, or to help those who do go.

Respectfully
W. L. Wright
A. L. Hanes.

After a speech by W. L. Wright, the Association took a recess for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The subject of Foreign Missions was again resuned. Further remarks were made by Bro. Wright and then pledges were taken.

Report adopted. Dr. John Mitchell read

THE REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are pleased to note an increasing interest among our people on the subject of Education; but feel constrained to say that we are not yet fully awake to its great importance. Our schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency and should be more liberally patronized. Wake Forest College is rapidly growing in favor and efficiency and our people are justly proud of their college. Three new Professors have recently been added to the faculty and the college is now prepared to do better work than ever before. The number of students last year reached 213, and it is hoped that there will be an increase the coming year. We have good male academies also in the state and many of them under the control of our own people. Mufreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville. Shelby and other places afford us peculiar advantages for the education of our girls. We need to give special attention to the education of our young ministers. The Board of Education has been specially charged with the duty of assisting promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the Gospel.

This work, important at all times is especially demanded in these last times. There were 39 young ministers at Wak Forest College last session, and there are now a dozen applications for help before the Board. Would that the contributions from the churches would enable the Board to receive and help all the worthy young ministers who are indigent and apply for aid. The success in the past has been encouraging and the future is hopeful. Brethren help.

Respectfully submitted.
John Mitchell,
N. W. Beeson.

The report was discussed by Bros. John Mitchell, H. Sheets, C. Durham, C. S. Farriss, J. N. Stallings and S. H. Thompson.

Adopted.

The report of the committee on Finance was read by Bro. John M. Stoner.

We the undersigned committee submit the following.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Piny, Minutes $3.48.

Marion, Minutes .60.

Holloway's, Education 7.62, Minutes 1.50.

Lexington, Minutes 2.50.

New Friendship, State Missions 5.00, Education 2.66, Minutes 2.85.

Reed's X Roads, Education 2.99, Baptist Orphanage 3.56, Minutes 1.82.

Lick Creek, State Missions 2.45, Foreign Missions 1.64, Minutes 2.50.

Tom's Creek State Missions 1.00, Associational Missions .25, Minutes .50.

Abbott's Creek, Associational Missions .50, Minutes 1.61.

Oak Hill, Home Missions 2.55, Minutes .50.

Liberty, Associational Missions 3.21, Minutes .86.

Pleasant Grove, Minutes 1.00.

Jersey, State Missions 6.00, Minutes 1.60.

Summerville, State Missions .90, Associational Missions 1.15, Education 1.00, Minutes 1.40.

Eldorado, State Missions 1.00 Associational Missions 2.85, Education 1.00, Minutes .95.

Kernersville, State Missions 3.00, Home Missions 1.50, Education 2.50, Minutes .50.

Clemmonsville, State Missions 3.17, Foreign Missions 10.13, Associational Missions 5.00, Home Missions 3.93, Education 7.50, Minutes 1.72.

High Point, Foreign Missions 5.00, Education 5.00 Minutes 1.60.

Jackson's Creek, Minutes .75.

Rich Fork Minutes .80.

Thomasville, State Missions 3.00, Foreign Missions 5.00 Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 2.00, Education 3.00, Minutes 1.00

State Missions	$25.52.
Foreign Missions	21.77.
Associational Missions	22.96.
Home Missions	9.98.
Education	33.27.
Baptist Orphanage	3.56.
Minutes	30.04.

Respectfully submitted.
John M. Stoner,
W. B. Beaman.

The report was adopted.

The committee appointed to name the place and preacher for next association submitted the following verbal report: We recommend New Friendship Church as the place and Elder W. F. Watson as the preacher.

Bro. R. T. Hamner submitted

THE TREASURER'S REPORT
1888.

Received for State Missions	$49.03
" " Home "	23.30
" " Foreign "	35.15
" " Education "	23.90
" " Orphanage	9.19
" " Minute Fund	28.10
" " Associational Missions	139.82
Total	$308.49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out for State Missions	$49.03
" " " Home "	23.30
" " " Foreign "	35.15
" " " Education	23.90
" " " Orphanage	9.19
" " " Minute Fund	28.10
" " " Associational Missions	132.96
Total	$301.63

Balance on hand for Associational Missions $6.86.

R. T. Hamner, Treasurer.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and find them in accord with the above report.

Thomas Carrick } Auditors.
James Smith }

Appointed Elder J. D. Newton to conduct devotional exercises tomorrow morning. Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25th.

Devotional exercises continued for half and hour. Bro. W. B. Beaman was granted leave of absence. On motion appointed Elder Henry Sheets a delegate from this association to attend the Southern Baptist convention next May. The committee appointed last session, to visit Marion Church, made the following

REPORT.

We the undersigned committee, appointed at your last session to investigate the report that Marion Church was holding in fellowship members who engage in the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors, met at said church on the 11th day of January 1888, and report as follows:

I. We find that no member of said church has within 18 months been engaged in the manufacture of ardent spirits.

II. We find that, so far as we could ascertain, that but one member, Moses Cross, has been engaged in the traffic within the last eighteen months.

III. We find in this church a spirit against the making and selling of intoxicating drink, and a disposition to discipline any member who may thus engage.

Thomas Carrick,
Henry Sheets,
John A. Summey.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Elder T. Carrick, the clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes—600 in number and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

The Clerk was instructed to purchase enough blank letters to furnish two to each church.

Elder C. Durham read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The spirit of Missions is life. Anti-Missions or omissions is death. The one who has the authority and in sincerity gives a command, expects it to be obeyed. The Lord Jesus has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to evety creature. He expects obedience. Shall we meet or disappoint expectation? The hope of the heathen world, under God, depends upon well trained churches at home. State Missions, therefore, is at the base of all our work, and hence should be pushed with more vigor than ever before. The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools has since the last convention commissioned 83 missionaries and 11 Colporteurs. These have done a great and a good work and the blessings of the Lord have been abundantly bestowed upon their labors. The Associations, this year, are not only paying their pledges, but much more; and are pledging more largely than ever before for the next year's work. This is wise. No judicious mother objects to enlarging the child's clothes to meet the necessities in its growth. The Board recommends that the 5th Sunday in September be observed in all of our Sunday Schools as Children's Day for State Missions, and will send out programmes to all who may desire them for that day. The Board publishes The Gospel Herald, which it is anxious to put into all the families connected with our churches. The paper is worthy of support, and will, we think, be helpful to pastors and churches in all departments of our work. We are glad that the churches of this Association have done so well in the past. This is the day of quickened religious life, great undertakings and great blessings. Let us enlarge, in God's name and for his glory, undertake to do more and trust our Lord and the churches, and all will be well.

Respectfully,
C. Durham, Ch. Com.

Speeches on the report were made by Elders C. Durham and J. D. Newton, after which pledges were made by the churches for next year's work.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator Smith in the chair.

Bro. J. D. Newton was offered time in which to make a statement in in regard to building a church at Concord.

Further remarks, on the report of State of Missions, were made by Elders J. N. Stallings and S. H. Thompson. Report adopted.

Elder Thomas Carrick offered the following resolution: That the missionaries appointed by the Executive committee of this Association, be commissioned by the State Mission Board; but paid for their service by the Treasurer of this Association. Carried.

Bro. Carrick read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is rapidly increasing, and has special claims upon every Southern Baptist. The Home Board has its Missionaries scattered over our Southern Land and in Cuba. Many sections in the younger States are in yet need of help and are receiving material aid from this Board. Cuba in the past few years, has been thrown open and thousands are seeking the way of life under the leadership of Bro. Diaz. The work done by this Board during the last Conventional year has been immense:

Missionaries employed - - - -	287
Sermons preached - - - - -	33,868
Baptised - - - - - -	4,857
New Churches - - - - - -	306
Total cost of work done, -	$178,953,32

Notwithstanding the work done and the progress made, still there is much yet to do and the cry comes up from many promising fields for help.

Brethren, this is one work in our own Sunny South, let us do great things for the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom on his field of labor.

Thos. Carrick.
W. T. Tysinger.

Elder C. S. Farris made a speech in support of this report. Adopted.

Those named below wore appointed to secure collections for Home Missions in their respective churches.

Abbott's Creek,	Miss Maggie Clinard,	Abbott's Creek,	N. C.
Clemmonsville,	Frank Cook,	Clemmonsville,	" "
Eldorado,	W. B. Beaman,	Eldorado,	" "
High Point,	N. W. Beeson,	High Point,	" "
Holloway's,	D. H. Cross,	Silver Hill,	" "
Jackson's Creek,	Frank Summey,	Jackson's Creek,	" "
Jersey,	L. G. Lewis,	Linwood,	" "
Kernersville,	Mrs. Lou. Brown,	Kernersville,	" "
Lexington,	R. T. Hamner,	Lexington,	" "
Liberty,	J. A. Summey,	Hannersville,	" "
Lick Creek,	W. P. Redwin,	Healing Springs,	" "
Marion,	C. S. Greene,	Lexington,	" "
New Friendship,	A. P. Snider,	Salem,	" "
Oak Hill,	Jas. Welborn,	Thomasville,	" "
Pine M. House,	R. T. Williams,	Tyro Shops,	" "
Pleasant Grove,	P. H. Pernell,	Thomasville,	" "
Reed's X Roads,	J. H Walser,	Yadkin College,	" "
Rich Fork,	Miss Martha Mills,	Thomasville,	" "
Summerville,	W. T. Tysinger,	Denton,	" "
Thomasville,	Miss Kate Stallings,	Thomasville,	" "
Tom's Creek,	A. J. Buie,	Marsh,	" "

The following named brethren were appointed to serve as the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

James Smith, A. P. Snider, R. T. Hamner, C. C. Carrick and John M. Stoner.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren,—

At the beginning of the year, your board thought it the part of wisdom to continue aid to our two new churches, Viz. Kernersville and Oak Hill. Appropriating $50 to Kernersville and $40 to Oak Hill. There being no other applications for assistance and the Board feeling that the colportage work needed an inspection, decided to appropriate aid to it, though making the colportage work secondary. Kernersville has been satisfactorily served by the Pastor J. N. Stallings. He reports a good work done—the church has made some progress, 1 added by baptism, 5 by letter. Has paid all her pledges, and spent $100 in trying to finish their house of worship. They sustain a good Sunday School—they still owe on church property $300 and we would suggest, and urge every one who can to give a helping hand to the faithful brethren struggling there. It is our duty to help weak churches, especially those centrally located. They wield a mighty influence. Our responsibilities are great.

The brethren at Oak Hill are trying to go forward. Rev. S. H. Thompson left them in February; but they soon secured the service of Bro. P. H. Pernell, who has served there to edification. This church is situated in a part of our territory, where much good is destined to be accomplished. They are deserving of help, and any given there will be duly appreciated and wisely bestowed.

The colportage work has been in progress since March. The field is inviting. A vast amount of good can be accomplished through this agency. The destitution within our bounds is appalling. People or every hand are living regardless of christian duties and privileges. The work is great. Its needs are imperative. We would urge the churches to do all they can to foster this work. Our colporteur has been over a good portion of our territory has been kindly received—has assisted in the organization of a number of Sunday Schools, and has done much to circulate pure Baptist lierature

The Board has received $111.37 from the churches. This, with the over-plus from last year has been expended as follows: $50 to Kernersville $40 to Oak Hill, $37.71 colportage, leaving a small balance of $6.86 on hand.

Several other places of interest made application for help, but too late, and then also our financial strength was limited. We would that every Macedonian cry could be successfully answered.

Respectfully Submitted.
Jas. Smith. A. P. Snider,
G. F. Smith Sr., H. J. Palmer, } Com.
R. T. Hamner.

For want of time this interesting report was adopted without remarks.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee on Baptist Orphanage submit the following report: God hath left to the care of His people, as a rich heritage, the poor, "Ye have the poor with you always. and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good." Of these, the orphans claim the especial attention of churches and individuals. We rejoice at the increasing success which has attended, so far, the Baptist Orphanage at Thomosville, and of the hopeful outlook for the future. There are at present 92 boys and girls cared for in three buildings designed for only 72; while there are applications for the admission of many others, none of whom can be received until the fourth building now begun, is completed.

There is immediate necessity for funds for the completion of this house and to provide for the expenses of those now there, and for those who will be received as soon as the Biggs home is completed, which requires largely increased contributions.

We earnestly recommend that all our churches and Sunday schools take up a collections for the Orphanage once a month and forward the same promptly to the Treasurer, J. W. Oliver, at Thomasville. This is important: don't neglect it. We further urge brethren, who are able, to make special donations to aid in the completion of this building now being erected. In view of the fact that the Orphanage is located in our own bounds, will not our Association undertake the erection of a building? It would cost about $1250.

Respectfully
J. A. Delke } committee.
A. C. Jones }

Remarks were made in support of the resolution by J. N. Stallings, Henry Sheets, P. H. Pernell and Dr. John Mitchell.

On motion it was agreed to give the collection on to-morrow to the Orphanage.

Bro. Stallings offered the following:

Resolved—That Elder T. Carrick, H. Sheets and C. S. Farriss be appointed a committee to secure subscriptions for the erection of a Liberty Association Building at the Orphanage, and when sufficient funds have been secured that they act with the General Manager in the erection thereof.

The following is the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

Let every church conduct its own Sunday School, and let every member of the church take his children to the school, and engage heartily in the work. Let every pastor attend as often as he can, and encourage and aid the school.

We recommend further that each church bear all the expenses of the school, and that the weekly collections from the school be devoted entirely to the work of Missions and Charity.

Respectfully
J. A. Summey,
J. A. Myers.

It was moved to adopt, and discuss this report to-morrow morning in Sabbath school mass-meeting.

Bro Carrick, for the committee, read the

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND TEMPERANCE.

It is gratifying to note from the reports sent up from the various churches that there has been much progress made and that many of the churches have been blessed with gracious revivals of religion. The great need of our churches is that the membership be more generally engaged in the work of the churches. So many in our churches are only members. Let the churches see to it that every member be thoroughly aroused to a sense of the responsibility of his or her church membership. The subject of Temperance has undergone much change in the past few years. Still public sentiment is not perfect on this subject. The use of strong drink is now the exception among our church members. It is the duty of the churches to use their influence as far as possible to check the tide of intemperance and cultivate public sentiment in favor of the disuse of intoxicating drinks.

G. W. Palmer
A. P. Snider.

Adopted.

The appointment of delegates was referred to the Executive Committee of this Asssociation.

Bro. R. T. Hamner offered the following resolution of thanks:

Resolved: That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered this church and community for the very hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during this session. And also to the singing class for their sweet music so kindly given.

This resolution was adopted by a generous, hearty vote.

Bro. Carrick, the chairman of committee on Religious Exercises, announced that Elder J. N. Stallings would preach in the house tonight.

SUNDAY MORNING.

J. N. Stallings in the house and P. H. Pernell at the stand.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

C. S. Farriss in the house and Dr. John Mitchell at the stand.

The business of the body being finished, the choir sang most tenderly "God be with you till we meet again," while delegates and visitors bade each other adieu. Thus ended harmoniously the Fifty-fifth Session of the Liberty Association.

James Smith, Mod.
Henry Sheets, Clerk.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES·

Early Sunday morning found a large concourse of people present.

According to previous arrangement, Bro. R. T. Hamner conducted the exercises of the Sunday School mass-meeting. Able and interesting addresses were made by C. S. Farriss, J. T. Alderman, James A. Delke and John Mitchell.

A Collection for the Orphanage was then taken amounting to $2.71.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder J. N. Stallings occupied the pulpit in the house and Elder P. H. Pernell at the stand

AFTERNOON.

Elder C. S. Farriss preached in the house and Dr. John Mitchell at the stand.

The congregation was immensely large and the decorum all that could be desired.

PLEDGES.

Made at Liberty Association for the year's work, ending August 1889.

Abbott's Creek, State Misssions 2.50, Foreign Missions 1.00, Associational Missions 2.50, Home Missions 1.00, Education 2.50, Total 9.50.

Clemmonsville, State Missions 10.00, Foreign Missions 10.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 5.00, Education 7.50, Total 42.50.

Eldorado: State Missions 1.00, Foreign Miissions 1.00, Associational Missions 5.00, Home Missions 1.00, Education 1.00, Total 9.00.

High Point: State Missions 7.50, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 3.00, Education 6.00, Total 31.50.

Holloway's: State Missions 8.00, Foreign Missions 10.00, Associational Missions 12.50, Home Missions 4.00, Education 12.00, Total 46.50.

Jackson's Creek: State Missions 1.00, Foreign Missions 1.00, Associational Missions 1.00, Education 1.00, Total 4.00.

Jersey: State Missions 15.00, Foreign Missions 10.00, Associational Missions 20.00, Home Missions 5.00, Education 10.00, Total 60.00.

Kernersville: State Missions 2.50, Foreign Missions 2,00, Associational Missions 5.00, Home Missions 1.50, Education 2.50, Total 13.50.

Lexington: State Missions 20.00, Foreign Missions 16.00, Associational 10.00, Home Missions 12.00, Education 20.00, Total 78.00.

Liberty: State Missions 5.00, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 3.00, Education 5.00, Total 28.00.

Lick Creek: State Missions 5.00, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 5.00, Home Missions 2.00, Education 4.00, Total 21.00.

Marion: State Missions 1.00, Foreign Missions 1.00, Associational Missions 1.00, Education 1.00, Total 4.00.

New Friendship: State Missions 5.00, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 5.00, Home Missions 3.00, Education 6.00, Total 24.00.

Oak Hill: State Missions 2.00, Foreign missions 2.50, Associational missions 5.00, Home missions 1.50, Education 1.00, Total 12.00.

Pine M. House: State missions 16.00, Foreign missions 10.00, Associational missions 15.00, Home missions 3.50, Education 12.00, Total 56.50.

Pleasant Grove: State missions 5.00, Foreign missions 5.00, Associational missions 2.50, Home missions 2.00, Education 2.50, Total 17.00.

Reed's X Roads: State missions 5.00, Foreign missions 5.00, Associational missions 12.50, Home missions 2.50, Education 5.00, Total 30.00.

Rich Fork: State Missions 5.00, Foreign missions 3.00, Associational missions 2.00, Education 3.00, Total 13.00.

Summerville: State missions 3.00, Foreign missions 2.00, Associational missions 3.00, Home missions 1.50, Education 2.00, Total 11.50.

Thomasville: State missions 5.00, Foreign missions 5.00, Associational missions 10.00, Home missions 3.00. Education 6.00, Total 29.00.

Tom's Creek: State missions 1.00, Eoreign missions 1.00, Associational missions 1.00, Fducation 1.00, Total 4.00.

Liberty Union: State missions 10.00, Total 10.00.

Missionary Society of Thomasville Female College: Foreign missions 15.00, Total 15.00. Lexington Sunday School 8.90

Summary.

State missions,	$143.50
Foreign missions,	120.50
Associational missions,	148.00
Home missions,	54.50
Education,	111.00

Statistics for the Year Ending August, 1888.

Abbott's Creek: Pastor, Wm. Turner, Salem, N. C. Baptised 2. Received by Letter 1. Dismissed by Letter 10. Dead 1. Number Reported last year 129. Present Membership 116. Sabbath of Preaching 3rd.

Clemmonsville: Pastor, S. F. Conrad, Lewisville, N. C. Baptised 22. Received by Letter 3. Received by Restoration 1. Dismissed by letter 2. Excluded 3. Dead 1. Number Reported last year 106. Present Membership 125. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachars 8. Pupils 67. Total Enrolled 75. Sabbath of Preaching 4th. Recorders taken 5.

Eldorado: Pastor, James Jordan, Troy, N. C. Baptised 5. Excluded 1. Dead 1. Number Reported last year 84. Present Membership 87. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 5. Pupils 63. Total Enrolled 68. Sabbath of preaching 2nd. Recorders taken 1.

High Point: Pastor, C. S. Farriss, High Point, N. C. Received by Letter 15. Dismissed by Letter 3. Number Reported last year 68. Present Membership 80. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 14. Pupils 88. Total Enrolled 102. Sabbaths of preaching 1.2.3.4. Recorders taken 12.

Holloway's: Pastor, Wm. Turner, Salem, N. C. Baptised 5. Received by Letter 1. Dismissed by Letter 1. Excluded 2. Dead 6. Number Reported last year 173. Present Membership 169. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 4. Pupils 30. Total Enrolled 34. Sabbath of Preaching 2nd. Recorders taken 8.

Jackson's Creek: Pastor, A. P. Stoker, Denton, N. C. Baptised 5. Dead 2. Number Reported last year 38. Present membership 41. Sabbath of preaching 3rd.

Jersey: Pastor, Thos. Carrick, Lexington, N. C. Baptised 17. Received by Letter 4. Received by Restoration 2. Dismissed by Letter 2. Dead 4. Number Reported last year 104. Present membership 121. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 5. pupils 25. Total Enrolled 30. Sabbath of Preaching 3rd.

Kernersville: Pastor, J. N. Stallings, Thomasville, N. C. Baptised 1. Received by Letter 5. Excluded 1, Number Reported last year 23. Present membership 28. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 5. Pupils 55. Total Enrolled 60. Sabbath of Preaching 4th.

Lexington: Pastor, Thos. Carrick, Lexington, N. C. Baptised 11. Received by letter 7. Dismissed by Letter 1. Excluded 1. Number Reported last year 90. Present membership 99. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 7. pupils 70. Total Enrolled 77. Sabbaths of Preaching 2&4th. Recorders taken 11.

Liberty: Pastor, J. N. Stallings, Thomasville, N. C. Baptised 15. Received by Letter 1. Dismissed by Letter 1. Excluded 11. Dead 1. Number Reported last year 172. Present membership 175. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 6. Pupils 25. Total Enrolled 31. Sabbath of Preaching 3rd.

Lick Creek: Pastor, Wm. Turner, Salem, N. C. Baptised 13. Excluded

1. Dead 1. Number Reported last year 113. Present membership 122. Number Sunday Schools 1. Total Enrolled 40. Sabbath of Preaching 4th.

Marion, Supplied by John A. Summey, Hannersville, N. C. Excluded 1. Dead 3. Number Reported last year 20. Present membership 17.

New Friendship, Pastor, Wm. Turner, Salem, N. C. Baptised 24. Received by Letter 2. Dismissed by Letter 2. Dead 2. Number Reported last year 126. Present membership 149. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 5. Total Enrolled 57. Sabbath of Preaching 1st. Recorders taken 7.

Oak Hill, Pastor, P. H. Pernell, Thomasville, N. C. Baptised 7. Dismissed by Letter 4. Number Reported last year 30. Present membership 33. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 4. Pupils 26. Total Enrolled 30. Sabbath of Preaching 3rd.

Pine M. House, Pastor, Henry Sheets, Lexington, N. C. Baptised 9. Received by Letter 3. Dismissed by Letter 2. Excluded 8. Dead 2. Number Reported last year 232. Present membership 232. Number Sunday Schools 2. Officers and Teachers 8. Pupils 83. Total Enrolled 91. Sabbaths of Preaching 2. & 4th. Recorders taken 8.

Pleasant Grove, Pastor, P. H. Pernell, Thomasville, N. C. Received by Letter 1. Received by Restoration 1. Dismissed by Letter 2. Number Reported last year 45. Present membership 45. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 4. Pupils 46. Total Enrolled 50.

Reed's X Roads, Pastor, Thos. Carrick, Lexington, N. C. Baptised 2. Excluded 3. Dead 2. Number Reported last year 122. Present membership 119. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 8. Pupils 52. Total Enrolled 60. Sabbath of Preaching 1st.

Rich Fork, Pastor, Henry Sheets, Lexington, N. C. Baptised 34. Received by Letter 1. Excluded 2. Number Reported last year 50. Present membership 83. Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 4. Pupils 76. Total Enrolled 80. Sabbath of Preaching 3rd.

Summerville, Pastor, J. A. Summey, Hannersville, N. C. Baptised 14. Excluded 2. Number Reported last year 77. Present membership 89. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 3. Pupils 42. Total Enrolled 45. Sabbath of Preaching 1st.

Thomasville, Pastor, J. N. Stallings, Thomasville, N. C. Baptised 6. Received by Letter 6. Excluded 1. Number Reported last year 33. Present membership 44. Number Sunday Schools 1. Officers and Teachers 8. Pupils 43. Total Enrolled 52. Sabbaths of Preaching 1st. & 3rd. Recorders taken 6.

Tom's Creek, Pastor, J. F. Hodge, Pool, N. C. Dead 1. Number Reported last year 22. Present membership 21. Sabbath of Preaching 2nd.

Total.

Baptised,	192
Received by Letter,	50
Received by Restoration,	4
Dismissed by Letter,	30
Excluded,	37
Died,	27
Number Reported last year,	1,854
Present membership,	1,943
Number Sunday Schools,	18
Officers and Teachers,	98
Pupils,	719
Total Enrolled	889.

Financial For The Year Ending August, 1888.

Abbott's Creek: Associational Missions 5.73, Home Missions 3.09, Education 1.75, Baptist Orphanage 2.36, Minute Fund .86, Pastor's Salary 100.00, Total 113.69.

Clemmonsville: State Missions 10.00, Foreign Missions 13.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 6.69, Education 7.50, Sunday Schools 29.73, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 13.33, Baptist Orphanage 5.00, Other Objects 7.80, Minute Fund 1.72, Pastor's Salary 100.00, Total 204.71.

Eldorado: State Missions 1.00, Associational Missions 2.85, Education 1.00, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 14.00, Minute Fund .95, Pastor's Salary 40.00, Total 59.80.

High Point: State Missions 5.00, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 2.00, Education 5.00, Sunday Schools 18.56, Incidental Expenses 60.00, Baptist Orphanage 5.00, Other Objects 4.82. Minute Fund 1.60, Pastor's Salary 400.00, Total 516.98.

Holloway's: State Missions 8.00, Foreign Missions 10.00, Associational Missions 12.50, Home Missions 4.07, Education 7.62, Incidental Expenses 1.25, Baptist Orphanage 7.62, Other Objects 2.00, Minute Fund 1.50, Pastor's Salary 100.00, Total 154.56.

Jackson's Creek: Minute Fund .75, Total .75

Jersey: State Missions 20.00 Foreign Missions 12.50, Associational Missions 25.00, Home Missions 5.00, Education 10.00, Baptist Orphanage 40.27, Other Objects 19.04, Minute Fund 1.60, Pastor's Salary 150.00, Total 283.41.

Kernersville: State Missions 3.45, Foreign Missions 1.14. Associational Missions 5.00, Home Missions 2.25, Education 2.50, Sunday Schools 8.44, Incidental Expenses 56.17, Baptist Orphanage 2.00, Total 80.95.

Lexington: State Missions 20.10, Foreign Missions 16.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 16.43, Education 14.57, Sunday Schools 58.40, Incidental Expenses 58.96, Baptist Orphanage 12.62

Other Objects 89.50, Minute Fund 2.50, Pastor's Salary 200.000, Total 455.68.

Liberty: Associational Missions 7.64, Sunday Schools .60, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 12.66, Minute Fund .94, Pastor's Salary 75.00, Total 96.84.

Lick Creek: State Missions 2.45, Foreign Missions 1.63, Associational Missions 3.67, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 20.00, Minute Fund 2.50, Pastor's Salary 100.00, Total 130.25.

Marion: Minute Fund .60, Total .60.

New Friendship: State Missions 5.00, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 6.25, Home Missions 3.00, Education 5.00, Sunday Schools 7.93, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 31.55, Incidental Expenses 11.75, Baptist Orphanage 14.24, Minute Fund 2.85, Pastor's Salary 100.00, Total 192.57,

Oak Hill: Home Missions 2.55, Incidental Expenses 52.00, Minute Fund .50, Pastor's Salary 60.00, Total 115.05.

Pine M. House: State Missions 15.57, Foreign Missions 10.00, Associational Missions 15.00, Home Missions 3.30, Education 10.00, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 18.00, Incidental Expenses 18.15, Baptist Orphanage 10.50, Minute Fund 3.48, Pastor's Salary 250.00, Total 354.00.

[illegible] Grove: Foreign Missions 5.00, Home Missions 1.20, Sunday Schools 7.00, Incidental Expenses 1.00, Minute Fund 1.00, Total 15.20.

Reed's X Roads: State Missions 5.31, Foreign Missions 5.12, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 2.50, Education 5.00, Sunday Schools 1.00, Baptist Orphanage 6.44, Minute Fund 1.82, Pastor's Salary 125.00, Total 162.19.

Rich Fork: State Missions 20.00 Foreign Missions 2.86, Incidental Expenses 5.41, Minute Fund .80, Pastor's Salary 80.00, Total 109.07.

Summerville: State Missions 2.00, Associational 2.50, Home Missions 1.10, Education 1.00, Sunday Schools .36, Minute Fund 1.40, Total 8.36.

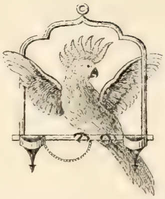
Thomasville: State Missions 3.00, Foreign Missions 5.00, Associational Missions 10.00, Home Missions 2.00, Education 3.00, Sunday Schools 5.00, Ministers in Protracted Meetings 20.00, Incidental Expenses 11.28, Baptist Orphanage 4.00, Minute Fund 1.00, Pastor's Salary 80.00, Total 144.28.

Tom's Creek: State Missions 1.00, Associational Missions 1.00, Baptist Orphanage .75, Minute Fund .50, Total 3.25.

Summary.

State Missions, - - - - -	121.88
Foreign Missions, - - - -	92.25
Associational Missions, - - - -	139.14
Home Missions, - - - -	55.08
Education, - - - - - - -	72.94
Sunday Schools, - - -	137.02
Ministers in Protracted Meetings, - - -	129.54
Incidental Expenses, - - -	275.97

Baptist Orphanage,	108.78
Other Objects,	123.16
Minute Fund	30.04
Pastor's Salaries,	1985.06
Total,	3002.19



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Read minutes of preceding day.
2 Read Constitution and Rules of Order.
3 Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
4 Invitation to new churches to unite with us.
5 Report on State Missions.
6 Report on Associational Missions and Colportage.
7 Report on Education.
8 Report on Periodicals.
9 Report on Foreign Missions.
10 Report on Home Missions.
11 Report on Charity and Baptist Orphanage.
12 Report on Sunday Schools.
13 Report on State of Religion and Temperance.
14 Report of Committee on Finance.
15 Appointment of Place and Preacher for next Year.
16 Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention.
17 Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes
18 Miscellaneous Business.
19 Adjournment.

LADIES AID SOCIETY OF HIGH POINT CHURCH.

Our church has in it a flourishing Ladies Aid Society. During the year this Society has raised for different church purposes, $123.94. Of this, $63.25 has been expended for church repairs.

Our little society is composed of 19 ladies, who are thus zealously at work for the Master.

Pres. Mrs. Wiles.
Sec. Cora Pitts.
Treas. Sallie L. Jones.

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

NEW FRIENDSHIP,

FORSYTH COUNTY, N. C.,

August 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1889.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

PLACE—*Jersey Church, Davidson County, N. C.*
TIME—*Tuesday Before 4th Sabbath in August, 1890.*

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LEXINGTON:
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Benjamin Lanier, Level Plains, N. C.
Wm. H. Hamner,......Lexington, “
H. Morton, ...Thomasville, “
J. B. Richardson, ..High Point, “
J. M. Pugh,............Randleman, “
J. N. Stallings,...... High Point, “
Aaron Yarbrough, Lexington, “

A. P. Stoker, ...Denton, N. C.
Henry Sheets,..........Lexington, “
W. S. Adderton,.............Denton, “
Thomas Carrick,......Lexington, “
Jno. A. Summey, ...Hannersville, “
C. S. Farriss,............High Point, “
M. J. Leach,......................Prim, “

LICENTIATE.

G. W. Henderson,..................................El Dorado, N. C.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator—James Smith, ... Lexington, N. C.
Clerk—Elder Henry Sheets,.............. Lexington, “
Treasurer—R. T. Hamner,.................... Lexington, “
Auditor—Elder Thomas Carrick,....... Lexington, “

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thomas Carrick, Henry Sheets, and John M. Stoner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Abbotts Creek—C. W. Davis,..........Abbott's Creek, N. C.
Clemonsville—A. T. Hanes, ...Clemonsville, “
El Dorado—..
High Point—O. N. Richardson, ...High Point, “
Holloway's—J. A. Carrick,.........................Marsh, “
Jackson's Creek—...
Jersey—C. C. Carrick, ...Lexington, “
Kernersville—J. F. Lancaster,...........Kernersville, “
Lexington—C. W. Trice, ...Lexington, “
Liberty—..
Lick Creek—A. D. Yarbrongh,...........Jackson Hill, “
Marion—...
New Friendship—James O. Teague,.............Salem, “
Oak Hill—...
Pine M. House—S. C. Beck,...............................Jubilee, “
Pleasant Grove—J. M. Pugh,...............Randleman, “
Reed's X Roads—D. R. Myers,...................Michael, “
Rich Fork—Wm. Bowers, ...Jimes, “
Summerville—L. A. Tysinger,.....................Denton, “
Thomasville—E. H. Davis, ...Thomasville, “
Tom's Creek—..

PROCEEDINGS.

New Friendship Church, Forsyth Co., N. C.,
August 20th, 1889.

The Liberty Association convened with this church to-day in its fifty-sixth annual session. In the sbsence of Elder W. F. Watson, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, it was preached by Elder J. A. Speight, from Joshua 5 : 14, "And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come."

After an intermission of an hour, the body re-assembled for business.

Elder C. Durham read 16 verses of second chapter of Philippians and then lead the congregation in prayer.

After which, the letters from the different churches were called for. Elder Thomas Carrick and Bro. C. H. Teague were appointed reading clerks. A list of churches was then called and names of delegates enrolled as follows :

Abbotts Creek—C. W. Davis, C. H. Teague and Jeffrey Traynham.
Clemmonsville—Augustus Hanes and A. J. Essex.
El Dorado—Robert Bruce and Harris Russell.
High Point—J. A. Delkie and A. C. Jones.
Holloway's—H. J. Palmer and John A. Carrick.
Jackson's Creek—Sebard Pierce and John A. Barnes.
Jersey—Charles A. Owen and R. B. Miller.
Kernersville—B. A. Brown.
Lexington—Joseph S. Sowers.
Lick Creek—Jas H. Daniel, W. B. Russell and B. C. Cole.
Liberty—J. R. Miller and D. H. Hepler.
Marion—R. S. Green.
New Friendship—Lewis Wilson, J. O. Teague and Andrew Sink.
Oak Hill—Isaiah Kennedy.
Pine M. House—W. C. Grubb, E. W. Lassiter and R. F. Wilson, Jr.
Pleasant Grove—J. M. Pugh.

Reed's X Roads—D. R. Myers, D. C. Craver and J. H. Walser.
Rich Fork—W. S. Kanoy and C. H. Oetinger.
Summerville—W. T. Tysinger and Travis Davis.
Thomasville—H. Morton.
Tom's Creek—Not represented.

On motion of Bro. R. T. Hamner, Bro. James Smith was re-elected Moderator by acclamation. In the same manner Bro. R. T. Hamner was re-elected Treasurer and Bro. Thomas Carrick Auditor.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren, Elder J. A. Speight, associate editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, Elder John Mitchell, D. D., from the Central Association and representing the Board of Education, Elder J. C. Stowell, representing the Home Mission Board, Bros. J. W. McCurry and Dr. W. J. Conrad, of the Pilot Mountain Association reported, and were welcomed to seats on the floor.

The Chair made the following appointment of committees:

On State Missions—C. Durham and J. A. Delke.
On Education—John Mitchell and John a Carrick.
On Asso'l Missions—Executive Board.
On Periodicals—J. A. Speight and C. H. Teague.
On Foreign Missions—Thos. Carrick and M. J. Leach.
On Home Missions—J. C. Stowell and J. S. Sowers.
On Charity and Baptist Orphanage—C. W. Davis and J. N. Stallings.
On Sunday Schools—J. A. Summey and C. A. Owen.
On State of Religion and Temperance—H. Morton and H. J. Palmer.
On Obituaries—Thomas Carrick and R. S. Green.
On Religious Exercises—Pastor, deacons and delegates of this church.

Elder J. A. Speight came forward, in response to an invitation, and addressed the body in the interest of the *Recorder*.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were made as follows: Meet at half past nine o'clock, spend half an hour in religious exercises; adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 1 o'clock and adjourn at will.

Elder J. C. Stowell was appointed to preach in this house to-night.

It was agreed to hold the next session of this body with Jersey Church, Davidson county, commencing on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1890, Elder C. S. Farriss to preach the introductory sermon.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21st.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. N. Stallings.

At 10 o'clock Moderator Smith called the body to order.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

By a vote of the body the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws was dispensed with.

Moved that the Constitution and By-Laws be appended to the minutes.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Durham.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions embraces all the mission work done in the State, no matter what name or designation is given to it; and the sooner, not only the work is recognized as one, but the name under which it is to be done is one, the better it will be for the churches and the pastors, and the larger will be the contributions and the practical result of the work in permanent shape. The two names for the one work (State and Associational Missions) is both misleading and confusing. The associations that have succeeded best in arousing and maintaining interest in this work have been those associations where *name* has been one.

For more than 150 years under some form or name State Mission work has been done, and the results have been marvelous. Our fathers in the ministry did not live in vain, neither did they labor in vain. We, as a denomination, have the numbers and the position and the influence. We now have them because of their toils and well directed labors. The development of the State and denomination has made it necessary to change in turn from independent to Associational and thence to

State Missions. Under this last form the work has grown much more rapidly than ever before. Never in the history of our people has the number of missionaries been so large, the work so satisfactory or the prospects so hopeful. Let us as rapidly as possible give the gospel to every destitute neighborhood in our State. To do this we recommend three things, viz:

1. That the pastors keep the churches well informed about the growth, prosperity and needs of this work.

2. That pastors and people be most earnestly requested to pray the Lord to bless and prosper this great work even more than ever before.

3. That the churches undertake to do more for it, in contributions, than they have hitherto done.

C. Durham.
J. A. Delke.

In connection with the above was read the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren:—Another year has passed away since we submitted to your consideration our report of work done. We come to you in this report with congratulations for the many and varied blessings which our Heavenly Father has vouchsafed unto us all during the past year. The majority of our churches have enjoyed gracious revivals of grace and have had numerical strength added unto them. The Sunday school work receives more attention by the churches generally than ever before. There is a disposition exhibited on the part of our brethren to go forward in almost every place of Christian work. This evidently betokens a healthy spiritual condition. Our Union Meetings have been of untold benefit to us giving the brethren closer bonds of union and waking them up to a greater sense of responsibility and duty.

We have continued to aid Kernersville church and also Oak Hill church. Both these vines are young and are well deserving of our help. We also appropriated funds for the cultivation of two out stations, one near Kernersville, known as Bunker Hill, the other in a destitute section, known as Wagoner's School House. Both these are important points and we believe by a careful cultivation they will yield us a great harvest. The cries for Baptist preaching come to us in *earnest* tones from almost every quarter. It is hard to be compelled to deny them. Brethren, there are at least 20 localities within our bounds where churches ought to be established. The people seem *anxious* to hear the gospel as *we* teach it. It is *our duty* to give it to them. We earnestly recommend the churches to enlarge their contributions, for the speedy development of our neglected territory. The Colportage work has been prosecuted by brother Hamner as much as circumstances would permit. This is a feature of our work which has not received the sympathy and aid of our people that it so justly deserves. Through this agency we can reach the masses in a far more effective way than any other. Going from house to house gives an opportunity for the sowing broadcast of seeds in every nook and corn-corner. Who can estimate the effect of pure biblical literature, distributed in the tract paper pamphlet and book! Bretheren let us arise in our might and give this *important* work a hearty support.

Your Board has used the funds entrusted to its disposal as judiciously as was possible. We refer you to the Treasurer's report for enlightenment as to all receipts and disbursements.

JAMES SMITH, Chm.,	Committee.
A. P. SNIDER,	
C. C. CARRICK,	
J. M. STONER,	
R. T. HAMNER,	

Remarks were made on the above reports by Carrick, Durham, Stallings, Sheets, Teague and Morton. After the discussion a motion was made to drop the name, "Associational Missions," and the money which we collect for this object be put with State Missions and call it State Missions. Motion carried. Both the above reports were then adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 22nd.

Dr. John Mitchell in the chair. Elder J. C. Stowell read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The number of missionaries employed this year is 328, an increase of 45 over last year.

The number of baptisms have been 4,837; number added to the mission churches by letter, 3,565. The total increase has been 8,402. Number of churches organized is 328, and of houses of worship built, 58. Number of Sunday schools organized is 343, in which there are 10,170 teachers and pupils. Pages of tracts distributed, 850,000, and 5,000 bibles and testaments.

The work of the Board has been done in Alabama, Arkansas, Cuba, Forida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.

DEMANDS:—The Board will need the present year, besides the means to pay for the house of worship in Havana, one hundred thousand dollars to meet its growing demands. The twelve hundred thousand white Baptists of the South can easily furnish us with this amount without diminishing their contributions to other objects or taxing their resources.

The wants of our people demand it, and we pray them in the name of our common Lord that they will do it.

The contributions of our people are not measured by their ability but by their interest in our work.

Your committee recommend that each church in this association take a collection for this work between the present time and April 1st, 1890, and that a committee at this association be appointed at this meeting, consisting of one member of each church in the association, whose duty shall be that of working up a proper interest in the matter and see that such collection be taken.

After remarks on the report were made by Elders J. C. Stowell, A. G. McManaway and P. H. Pernell, it was adopted.

A committee of three, consisting of James A. Delke, John A. Summey and Chas. H. Teague, was appointed to nominate the Executive committee.

Clemmonsville church asked for a letter of dismission to join the Pilot Mountain Association. On motion of Bro. Carrick, it was granted.

Elder A. G. McManaway, Vice-President Home Mission Board for North Carolina, and Elder P. H. Pernell, of Pilot Mountain Association, being present were invited to seats.

Bro. John Mitchell read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our people are slowly waking up to the importance of the subject of education. Our schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency, and patronage. Wake Forest College is in a more prosperous condition than ever before. The number of students last year reached 218, and the prospects are good for a larger number the coming session.

Of the above number about 40 are looking forward to the ministry, and 34 were aided by the Board of Education.

God is pleased to call, for the most part, poor young men to preach the gospel. The blessed Saviour did this when on earth, and then prepared them for the work to which he had called them.

In this his people have been pleased to follow his example. The Board is in need of funds *now*, to pay the expenses of its beneficiaries, and the good work is *heartily* commended to the brethren of this Association. There is only one beneficiary from this Association, and the contributions from the churches are not quite sufficient to pay the board of *one*. Brethren help the Lord's poor ministers in this worthy effort to prepare themselves for the work to which the Lord has called them.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN MITCHELL.
J. A. CARRICK.

Speeches on the above excellent report were made by Elders John Mitchell and J. N. Stallings. After which pledges were then taken. The report was then adopted.

On motion of Bro. Henry Sheets, Charity and Baptist Orphanage was made the special order to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The committee to nominate Executive committee made their report. The report as amended, recommend the following brethren: Thomas Carrick, Henry Sheets, and John M. Stoner.

Elder Speight read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would report to the churches of this Association that the day has come when no church or church-member can hope to be up to the age or to the demands of the day in which we live, unless the people read their denominational organ. The *Biblical Recorder* is our paper and we commend it to our people and urge them to take it and read it. At this day we need information from the Christian world and the *Recorder* supplies that demand.

Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, and *our Kind Words* publications of Atlanta are worthy of a place in our Sunday schools, also Charity and Children, as the Orphan's paper, we hope you will take it.

J. A. Speight,
C. H. Teague.

Short talks were made by Speight, Leach, Sheets and J. W. Oliver. Adopted.

On motion Bro. Thomas Carrick was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Bro. Henry Sheets, alternate. Appointed Bro. John Mitchell to preach in this house to-night.

Henry Sheets, John A. Summey and H. Morton were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention at Henderson.

Bros. J. N. Stallings and James A. Delke were appointed as alternates.

On motion of Bro. Carrick, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, 600 in number, and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

Adjourmed until to-morrow morning. Benediction by Bro. Speight.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 22nd.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder H. Morton.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order.

Elder Carrick read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The modern Foreign Missionary work commenced in the latter part of the eighteenth century and for a long time was in the minds of many persons a very doubtful enterprise. Now this department of Christian labor has grown into large proportions and attained great success and is recognized as embraced in the great commission, "go teach all nations."

The heathen must have the gospel as well as our home people and the Master has made it our duty either to go, or help some one to go, and teach the word of life to those who have it not. The number of missionaries is steadily increasing, new fields of labor are constantly opening, new and larger demands are pressing upon us, the fields are ready for the reapers; shall we fall in line and help this great work? Almost every nation of the globe is now accessible to the missionary, while many parts of the world are deeply agitated on this subject.

Our people need more information on the subject of Foreign Missions, hence should read many valuable articles published in the *Biblical Recorder* and the *Foreign Mission Journal.* In proportion as the demand of the foreign field increase so should our labors and contributions increase, nor should we be satisfied till the gospel is preached to all the world.

THOS. CARRICK.
M. J. LEACH.

Pending to motion the adopt, excellent speeches were made by Bros. John Mitchell and J. A. Speight. After pledges had been taken, the report was adopted.

Bro. Carrick, the chairman of the committee on obituaries, made the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since the last meeting of this association death has entered the ranks of its ministry. Elder William Turner, so venerated, so faithful and so closely connected with the work of this association for nearly a half century has passed away from the scene of his earthly labors into the presence of his Master. Our beloved brother was born June 23, 1816. He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry Nov. 30, 1844, and about this time he commenced his ministerial labor with the Jersey Baptist Church near the place of his boyhood. For about forty-five years he was one of the popular, active and successful ministers in his association, frequently having charge of churches in the borders of other associations.

As a preacher our brother was clear, pointed and practical. In doctrine thoroughly sound and scriptural, he preached the very marrow of the gospel with overflowing love and great tenderness of heart. His preaching abounded in striking and happy illustrations which he used with telling effect. His work in protracted meetings was extensive and remarkably successful. Many are the precious souls that cherish his name as their Spiritual Father. As pastor he was faithful and earnest. The summers were never too hot, nor the winters too cold to keep this servant of God from his appointments. Many of the churches he faithfully served for a long number of years, and during his long and laborous ministry he baptized into the fellowship nearly one thousand members.

As a member of this association his influence was almost unbounded. He was its Moderator for a longer number of years than any other man has ever been. He attended the last session of this body. He was then feeble and his head was blossoming for the grave, but many of us hoped to meet him here at his much beloved New Friendship church, but the Master has said come up higher, so we miss him from his accustomed seat. While our hearts are sad and we bow in humble submission to this dispensation of God's providence yet will we fondly cherish his memory and bless God for his life and labors in our midst. We would extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and ask for them the blessings of our common Father.

Thos. Carrick.
R. S. Greene.

Speeches on the report were made by Bros. Henry Sheets and Thomas Carrick. After which the report was adopted by a rising vote.

Bro. C. W. Davis offered the report on

CHARITY AND BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The duty to take care of orphans is so clearly enjoined in the scriptures that your committee deem it unnecessary to urge upon our churches the importance of giving their support to the Orphanage at Thomasville.

We do urge, however, that those churches which have services monthly only, take two collections during the year for this object; and those which have services oftener than once a month, devote a like proportion to the same.

And we also recommend that one active member in in each church be appointed to see every member of the church and get him to contribute something to this work.

The Biggs, the fourth dwelling, has been completed and there are now 105 orphans in the institution.

A fifth building, the Nursery, is now being erected as a home for the orphans of the tenderest age. Let us give God thanks, take courage and go forward.

C. W. Davis, } Com.
J. N. Stallings, }

After speeches on this subject by J. W. Oliver John Mitchell and John Teague, a cash collection was taken, amounting to $16.44.

Bro. R. T. Hamner, the Treasurer of this body, submitted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT—1889.

RECEIPTS.

To amt. for State Missions,	$68 96
“ “ Foreign “	25 76
“ “ Home “	16 33
“ “ Associational Missions,	164 49
“ “ Education,	35 15
“ “ Orphanage,	15 81
“ “ Minute Fund	30 04
“ “ Colportage,	4 83
	$361 37

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amt. paid for State Missions,	$68 96
“ “ “ Foreign “	25 76
“ “ “ Home “	16 33
“ “ “ Associa'l “	114 12
“ “ “ Education,	35 15
“ “ “ Minute Fund,	29 95
“ “ “ Colportage,	4 83
“ “ “ “ from Associational Mission Fund,	40 00
	$350 91

Bal. on hand for Associational Missions, $10 46

R. T. HAMNER, Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the Treasurer's books and vouchers and find them correct.

THOS. CARRICK,
JAMES SMITH.

This report was adopted without remarks.

Bro. John M. Stoner, as chairman of the committee on finance, submitted the report which follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Minute Fund.
ABBOTTS CREEK	2 73	2 90	2 43	5 00	....	1 50
CLEMMONSNILLE	9 65	10 00	4 00	....	5 00	1 70
EL DORADO	6 00	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	50
HIGH POINT	2 50	....	3 00	....	6 00	2 00
HOLLOWAY'S	2 25	....	....	....	10 78	1 25
JACKSON'S CREEK	....	....	25	....	....	75
JERSEY	....	....	....	....	....	1 78
KERNERSVILLE	....	2 00	1 50	....	2 50	50
LEXINGTON	....	....	....	....	....	2 50
LIBERTY	1 50	....	....	....	....	50
LICK CREEK	1 39	88	....	....	3 10	1 75
MARION	....	....	....	....	....	40
NEW FRIENDSHIP	....	....	....	....	....	2 75
OAK HILL	....	....	....	....	....	50
PINEY	....	....	....	....	....	2 50
PLEASANT GROVE	1 80	1 80	75	90	90	80
REED'S X ROADS	....	....	....	....	....	1 68
RICH FORK	50	....	....	....	50	75
SUMMERVILLE	1 20	2 00	80	....	2 00	1 00
TAOMASVILLE	....	....	....	....	....	1 00
TOTALS	24 52	20 58	13 73	5 90	31 78	26 11

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. STONER, } Finance
W. S. SNIDER, } Com.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday schools submit the following report:

We regard the Sunday school as an efficient arm in the work of the church; and believe that the progress of the church is largely advanced through the labors of a live Sunday school. We rejoice in the large success which under God has attended this important institution.

JOHN A. SUMMEY.
CHAS. A. OWEN.

In the rush attending the closing up of our work, this report was adopted without discussion.

The report below was called for and read by Elder H. H. Morton:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND TEMPERANCE.

The state of religion as gathered from the letters is not so encouraging as we could wish. Perhaps we have not gone back in spirituality, but progress ought to have been made. Some of our churches have been blessed with revivals; several have not. This state of things might be bettered if every church would keep a weekly prayer meeting and attend the Sunday school of their respective churches. While giving is not religion, yet we can to some extent measure spirituality by this grace. Tom's Creek and Marion churches are without pastors and are in a lukewarm condition. It might be well for the association to devise some plan as to what would be the best course for these churches to pursue in the future. The question of temperance as it relates to the making, use and vending of intoxicating liquors, will very materially affect the spirituality of our churches. Whenever a church member aids or abets in the making or use of spirituous liquors he not only destroys his own influence, but brings reproach upon his church. It is high time that our churches were fully awake to this great evil, and cut loose from the evil of intemperance, put on their strength and shine as a light in the world; and that pastors feel the responsibility as overseers appointed by the Holy Ghost, to watch over the churches of God.

H. MORTON.
H. J. PALMER.

Short speeches were made by Brethren Sheets, Morton and Summey.

The chair appointed Elders H. Sheets and T. Carrick to visit these churches and ascertain their real condition and report at next session of this body.

A committee consisting of Elders Thos. Carrick, C. S. Farriss and Henry Sheets was appointed at the last session of this body to secure a subscription and collection sufficient to build a house at the Baptist Orphanage. Bro. Carrick, in response to a call for a report, made a verbal statement that the General Manager of the Orphanage said that "such a house was not needed and that he hoped the committee would not meet."

Moved that the Executive committee be instructed to take such steps as neccessary to secure colportage work within our bounds.

Pledges were then taken for this work.

A resolution of thanks was voted the choir for the excellent music rendered, conducted by Mr. A. T. Delap.

Bro. R. T. Hamner offered the following:

RESOLVED: That this Association do most heartily return their thanks for the kind hospitality meted out to us so abundantly by this church and community during this session.

Thus closed a harmonious and spiritual session of the Liberty Association.

JAMES SMITH, Moderater.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Table of Pledges for the Year Ending August, 1890.

CHURCHES.	*State M.*	*Foreign M.*	*Home M.*	*Education.*	*Colp'age.*	*Totals.*
Abbotts Creek	12 00	2 50	2 50	3 00	....	20 00
Clemmonsville	20 00	....	....	10 00	....	30 00
El Dorado	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00
High Point	20 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	5 00	43 00
Holloway's	20 00	10 00	4 00	12 00	2 50	48 50
Jackson'sCreek	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
Jersey	35 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	65 00
Kernersville	7 50	2 00	2 00	2 50	....	14 00
Lexington	35 00	16 00	12 00	20 00	5 00	88 00
Liberty	15 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	27 00
Lick Creek	10 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	23 00
Marion	2 00	....	1 00	....	....	3 00
New Friendship	10 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	2 50	30 50
Oak Hill	6 00	....	2 00	1 00	....	9 00
Pine M. House	31 00	10 00	3 50	12 00	5 00	61 50
Pleasant Grove	7 50	5 00	2 00	2 50	....	17 00
Reed's X Roads	17 50	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 00	32 00
Rick Fork	2 00	....	1 00	3 00	....	6 00
Summerville	6 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	12 50
Thomasville	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	12 00
Liberty U. M'g	15 00	....	5 00	....	....	20 00
TOTALS	313 00	87 50	60 00	114 00	34 00	580 00

The following private pledges were made: Thomas Carrick, Henry Sheets and W. S. Snider, each $5.00; James Smith, $3.00; H. Morton, M. J. Leach, Andrew Sink (paid), C. A. Owen, H. J. Palmer (paid), A. P. Snider (paid), R. B. Miller, Miss Clara Kimmel (paid), Lewis Wilson (paid), and J. O. Teague, $1.00 each.

Financial Table for the Year Ending August, 1889.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Abbotts Creek	C. H. Teague	Abbotts C.	11 53	4 76	4 12	3 57	5 17	100 00	8 90				139 55
Clemmonsville	A. J. Essex	Clemmos'lle	17 50	10 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	100 00	11 55		38 49		190 50
El Dorado	L. W. Harris	El Dorado	6 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		40 00					49 50
High Point	A. C. Jones	High Point	17 50	5 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	400 00	16 00		230 00		683 50
Holloway's	J. I. Stoner	Silver Hill	18 00	10 00	4 00	10 78		100 00	1 00				145 03
Jackson's Creek	Samuel M. Barnes	Lyton	5 25					30 00	7 00	6 50			49 55
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood	35 00	10 00	5 00	10 00		150 00	12 00				238 75
Kernersville	J. F. Lancaster	Oak Ridge	7 50	2 00	1 50	2 50		55 00	71 00		97 13		240 23
Lexington	J. D. Redwine	Lexington	32 78	16 49	16 11	20 00	61 55	227 80	37 33		6 05	416 87	842 31
Liberty	J, M. Easter	Hannersvill'	10 00					60 00				15 18	85 68
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole	Bringles	7 50	5 00	2 00	3 10		75 00					114 35
Marion	R. S. Green	Lexington					2 00						2 00
New Friendship	W. R. Rominger	Salem	12 83	5 00	3 60	6 00	4 70	100 00	20 75				177 08
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Thomasville	5 00					35 00		5 00			345 50
Pine M. House	W. C. Grubb	Jubilee	31 00	10.00	3 50	12 00	24 00	250 00	5 50				59 96
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Wilson	Randleman	1 80	1 80	75	90	90						6 95
Reed's X Roads	L. P. Craver	Michael	17 50	5 00	2 00	5 00	9 85	125 00	10 20				180 29
Rich Fork	W. S. Kanoy	Thomasville	2 00			50	2 10	80 00	1 00	5 00	11 00		102 35
Summerville	L. A. Tysinger	Denton	6 00	2 00	1 50	2 00		34 15	22 00		10 00		78 65
Thomasville	H. Morton	Thomasville		6 82			5 00		12 60				25 42
Tom's Creek													
TOTALS			243 69	94 87	52 08	88 35	125 27	1,961 95	236 83	16 50	392 67	432 05	3,670 12

Statistical Table for the Year Ending August, 1889.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	ADDED.				LOST.				MEMBERSHIP.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
		Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by L'r.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	School Expenses.	Contributions by School.	No. Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Sabbath of Preaching.
Abbotts Creek	J. N. Stallings	8	....	...	8	2	....	1	3	38	87	125	5	54	59	1 53	3 77	.....	54	3rd
Clemmonsville	S. F. Conrad	10	2	...	12	9	1	1	11	49	75	124	5	75	80	22 66	24 45	.....	.....	4th
El Dorado	James Jordan	9	....	...	9	....	....	4	4	34	62	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2nd
High Point	C. S. Farriss	.....	18	...	18	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	98	13	103	116	.....	39 36	63	.....	1, 2, 3, 4
Holloway's	Sup. Thos. Carrick	.....	....	...	.....	1	1	4	6	59	106	165	6	53	59	2 08	.....	.....	83	2nd
Jackson's Creek	H. Morton	3	2	2	7	....	....	1	1	19	27	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3rd
Jersey	Thomas Carrick	8	2	1	11	4	3	2	9	55	69	124	6	35	41	2 00	3 90	.....	40	3rd
Kernersville	W. F. Watson	.....	4	...	4	1	....	....	1	11	19	30	5	60	65	7 10	7 45	.....	60	2nd
Lexington	Thomas Carrick	6	9	...	15	1	3	2	6	54	63	117	10	60	70	24 67	53 79	75	210	2 & 4
Liberty	No Pastor	26	....	...	26	6	7	1	14	68	114	182	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2nd
Lick Creek	H. Morton	7	1	...	8	1	....	1	2	55	73	128	2	30	32	1 00	.....	.....	30	4th
Marion	No Pastor	.....	....	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	7	10	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Friendship	Henry Sheets	9	....	...	9	1	3	3	7	52	99	151	5	30	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	4th
Oak Hill	John A. Summey	.....	....	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	10	22	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3rd
Pine Meeting House	Henry Sheets	9	2	...	11	....	2	....	2	103	132	235	8	72	80	.....	2 65	.....	25	1 & 3d
Pleasant Grove	G. L. Merrill	.....	....	...	.....	....	....	1	1	10	34	44	6	55	61	.....	.....	50	10	2nd
Reed's X Roads	Thomas Carrick	.....	....	...	.....	....	2	1	3	39	77	116	13	153	166	3 54	.....	70	.....	1st
Rich Fork	No Pastor	7	....	...	7	....	4	....	4	29	59	88	5	60	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	4th
Summerville	John A. Summey	4	2	...	6	....	2	2	4	28	63	91	6	58	64	.....	82	.....	.....	1st
Thomasville	No Pastor	7	7	1	15	22	....	....	22	9	23	33	5	25	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 & 3d
Tom's Creek	" "	.....	....	...	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS		113	49	4	166	48	28	24	100	729	1,215	2,064	100	923	1,023	64 58	136 19	258	512	.....

APPENDIX.

The following are appointed in their respective churches to look after the

ORPHANAGE WORK.

Abbotts Creek—C. W. Davis,.........Abbotts Creek, N. C.
Clemmonsville—Miss Julia Idol,...Clemmonsville, “
El Dorado—Miss Ella Coggin,....................Ophir, “
High Point—A. C. Jones, ...High Point, “
Holloways—H. J. Palmer,.................Silver Hill, “
Jackson's Creek—Mrs. Sarah Laughlin, Jackson's Creek.
Jersey—Chas. A. Owen,.......................Lexington, N. C.
Kernersville—Mrs. Lou Brown, ...Kernersville, “
Lexington—A. B. Willis,.................. Lexington, “
Liberty—Mrs. D. H. Hepler,.........Hannersville, “
Marion—R. S. Green, ...Lexington, “
New Friendship—Andrew Sink,..................Salem, “
Oak Hill—John G. Welborn,..........Thomasville, “
Pine M. House—Rufus K. Williams, Tyro Shops, “
Pleasant Grove—Miss Lena Bostick, Randleman, “
Reed's X Roads—J. H. Walser,...Yadkin College, “
Rich Fork—Wm. Bowers,.............................Jimes, “
Summerville—W. T. Tysinger,................Denton, “
Thomasville—Eunice Morton,.........Thomasville, “

The names given below were appointed to look after the pledges in their respective churches for

HOME MISSIONS.

Abbotts Creek—Miss Maggie Clinard,..Abbotts Creek.
Clemmonsville—Miss Mollie Hanes, Clemmonsville, N. C.
El Dorado—W. B. Beaman,.................El Dorado, “
High Point—N. W. Beeson,...............High Point, “
Holloway's—D. H. Cross,..................Fairmount, “
Jackson's Creek—Frank Summey, Jackson's Creek, “
Jersey—Mrs. Z. T. Sharpe,.......................Linwood, “
Kernersville—Miss Emma Lancaster,..Oak Ridge, “
Lexington—R. T. Hamner,.................Lexington, “
Liberty—John A. Summey,..............Hannersville, “
Lick Creek—W. P. Redwine,.......Healing Springs, “

Marion—R. S. Green,.........................Lexington, N. C.
New Friendship—A. P. Snider,....................Salem, "
Oak Hill—Joseph Welborn,............Thomasville, "
Pine M. House—Rufus K. Williams, Tyro Shops, "
Pleasant Grove—Miss Julia York,....Randleman, "
Reed's X Roads—J. H. Walser,...Yadkin College, "
Rich Fork—W. S. Kanoy,.................Thomasville, "
Summerville—W. T. Tysinger,..................Denton, "
Thomasville—Miss Kate Stallings, Thomasville, "
Tom's Creek—A. J. Buie,.............................Marsh, "

Constitution and Rules of Order of Liberty Association.

1st. This Association shall be called the Liberty Baptist Association.

2nd. It shall be composed of the ordained ministers, who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charges within the Associational district, and of the three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

3rd. The said delegates before taking their seats shall produce letters from their respective churches, showing their appointment as delegates.

4th. The Associational session shall be held at least once a year.

5th. The officers shall be Moderator and Clerk and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

6th. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

7th. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal polity.

8th. A committee of arrangements, consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session, to prepare and report an order of proceedings; and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association; and the said committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the Association.

9th. (As amended) Baptist ministers, *not* members of the Association, or any visiting brother from sister Associations, who may be present at any session of the body, may, on invitation of the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

10. At each session of the Association there shall be

appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the missionary opertions of this Association.

11th. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

12th. This Constitution may be altered only at an annual session of this Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. This Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed, and on the appearance of a quorum, the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2nd. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions or points of order, subject to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3rd. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4th. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

5th. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address themselves to the Moderator.

6th. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7th. No member shall absent himself from the session of the Association without its leave.

8th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence to the order in which they stand here arrayed.

9th. All committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10th. A committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session, to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11th. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator, unless it receive a second.

12th. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13th. No member shall speak more than twice on any question unless by consent of the Association.

14th. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of every session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read minutes of preceding day.
2. Read constitutution and rules of order.
3. Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
4. Invitation to new churches to unite with us.
5. Report on State Missions.
6. Report on Education.
7. Report on Periodicals.
8. Report on Foreign Missions.
9. Report on Home Missions.
10. Report on Charity and Baptist Orphanage.
11. Report on Sunday schools.
12. Report on Colportage.
13. Report on State of Religion and Temperance.
14. Report of Committee on Finance.
15. Appointment of place and preacher for next year.
16. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention.
17. Appoint some one to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.
18. Miscellaneous business.
19. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

JERSEY,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N C.,

August 19th, 20th, and 21st, 1890.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION.

PLACE—*Pine Meeting House, Davidson County, N. C.*
TIME—*Tuesday Before the 4th Sunday in August, 1891.*

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. S. Adderton,..............Denton, N. C.
J. M. Bennett,..........Lexington, "
Thomas Carrick,.....Lexington, "
W. H. Hamner,..........Lexington, "
G. W. Henderson,.....Eldorado, "
B. Lanier, ...Level Plains, "
J. F. Lancaster,.......Oak Ridge, "
M. J. Leach,...................Prim, "
H. Morton..........Thomasville, N. C.
J. M. Pugh,...........Randleman, "
J. B. Richardson, High Point, "
Henry Sheets,.......Lexington, "
J. N. Stallings,.....High Point, "
A. P. Stoker,..............Denton, "
J. A. Summey,.....Hannersville, "
C. G. Wells,..........High Point, "
A. Yarbrough, Lexington, N. C.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator—James Smith,.................. Lexington, N. C.
Clerk—Henry Sheets,............ .... Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer—R. T. Hamner,................. Lexington. N. C.
Auditors, Thomas Carrick,............ Lexington, N. C.
J. M. Stoner,................. Lexington, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thomas Carrick, A. P. Snider, James Smith, B. C. Cole, and J. M. Stoner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Abbott's Creek—C. W. Davis,.........Abbott's Creek, N. C.
Eldorado—...
High Point—A. J. Dodameade,...........High Point, N. C.
Holloway's—J. A. Carrick.........................Marsh, N. C.
Jackson's Creek—G. W. Summey,......Hannersville, N. C.
Jersey—...
Kernersville—J. F. Lancaster,.............Oak Ridge, N. C.
Lexington—C. W. Trice,.......................Lexington, N. C.
Liberty—J. M. Easter,.....................Hannersville, N. C.
Lick Creek—Henry G. Creek,.........................Pool, N. C.
Marion—...
New Friendship—William Thomas,.............Salem, N. C.
Oak Hill—John G. Welborn,............Thomasville, N. C.
Pine—W. C. Grubb,.....................................Jubilee, N. C.
Reed's X Roads—Jefferson Lanning, Lexington, N. C.
Rich Fork—William Bowers,......................Jimes, N. C.
Summerville—...
Thomasville—H. W. Reinhart,.........Thomasville, N. C.
Tom's Creek—L. A. Tysinger,...................Denton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

JERSEY CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 19th, 1890.

The Liberty Association met to-day with this church in its fifty-seventh annual session.

Elder John M. Bennett was announced to preach the introductory sermon. Text: Acts 17:6—"These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also."

An intermission of one hour was given for dinner.

The body was then called to order by Moderator Smith. Elder J. A. Speight was asked to conduct religious exercises preparatory to our work. He read 90th Psalm, interspersed with suitable comment, and then led in prayer.

The list of churches was then called and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

ABBOTT'S CREEK—C. W. Davis, M. A. Tesh, and C. H. Teague.
ELDORADO—L. W. Harris and W. A. Russell, Jr.
HIGH POINT—N. W. Beeson.
HOLLOWAY'S—D. H. Cross, J. D. Palmer, and J. F. Carrick.
JACKSON'S CREEK—J. M. Gibson and John A. Barnes.
JERSEY—G. W. Smith, Jr., H. P. Feezor, and Z. T. Sharp.
KERNERSVILLE—By Letter.
LEXINGTON—C. W. Trice, John T. Yarbrough, and Daniel Dickard.
LIBERTY—D. H. Hepler and J. R. Miller.
LICK CREEK—B. C. Cole and John A. Kinney.
MARION—R. S. Green.
NEW FRIENDSHIP—A. P. Snider, Andrew Sink, and Geleva Hartman.
OAK HILL—Isaiah Kennedy and Joseph P. Welborn.
PINE M. HOUSE—Jacob H. Feezor and Joseph Beck.
PLEASANT GROVE—By Letter.
REED'S X ROADS—Jefferson Lanning, A. C. Wood, and J. D. Walser.
FORK—W. S. Kanoy.

SUMMERVILLE—Travis Davis, James I. Snider, and W. T. Tysinger.

THOMASVILLE—W. W. Leigh.

TOM'S CREEK—A. J. Buie and H. L. Gallimore.

After the enrollment of delegates Brother James Smith was re-elected Moderator by acclamation, who returned thanks for this expression of continued confidence.

In the same manner, R. T. Hamner was re-elected Treasurer, and Brothers Thomas Carrick and John M. Stoner, as Auditors.

A formal invitation was then extended to visiting brethren. Elder C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, Professor J. B. Carlysle, of Wake Forest, agent for Education Board, and Elder J. A. Speight, associate editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and H. L. Watson, of the Thomasville Baptist Orphange, accepted seats with us.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren on committees:

On Education—J. B. Carlysle and J. N. Stallings.

On Periodicals—J. A. Speight and G. W. Henderson.

On State Missions—C. Durham and A. P. Snider.

On Foreign Missions—J. D. Newton and N. W. Beeson.

On Home Missions—C. G. Wells and C. W. Davis.

On Charity and Baptist Orphanage—H. L. Watson and J. M. Bennett.

On Sunday Schools—L. W. Harris and Jefferson Lanning.

On State of Religion and Temperance—Thomas Carrick and J. R. Miller.

On Obituaries—C. H. Teague and J. F. Carrick.

On Finance—John M. Stoner and A. C. Wood.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

Brethren C. W. Trice, J. H. Feezor, and C. W. Davis were appointed as a committee on place and preacher for next session.

Brother Thomas Carrick, as chairman of the committee to visit Marion and Tom's Creek churches as to why they had been without pastors, submitted the following verbal statement:

"The committee had visited Tom's Creek church and advised the church to dispose of the old house and build in the village at Denton. The church, in conference assembled, agreed to do this They have purchased a lot in said village and preparing to build at an early day. The church needs help to pay a pastor and the needs of this church claim the attention of this Association."

Brother Carrick stated that he had been supplying Marion church; that the body was small, but thought that something might be accomplished there if proper effort was made.

The moderator appointed brethren Thomas Carrick, B. C. Cole, and J. R. Miller as a committe to say how much this body ought to give to help build said house.

Brother J. A. Speight, chairman of the committee, read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee would be unfaithful to the work assigned them did they not urge the members of our churches to deeper interest in church work. It is hardly possible for our people to be up to the demands of the age unless they are informed about the work being done by the churches or the greater wants of the Lord's kingdom. We would urge all our people to subscribe for the *Biblical Recorder*, which is the servant of the churches, and is an able advocate of our principles and worthy of a place in every home. We commend the *Kind Words* series with *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Charity and Children.*

J. A. SPEIGHT,
G. W. HENEERSON, } Committee.

Brother Speight made a stirring speech for the *Recorder*, followed by Stallings, Sheets, Durham, Hamner, and George W. Henderson, in short addresses. The report was then adopted.

The Clerk was ordered to have appointed Brother J. N. Stallings to preach in this house to-night. It was agreed to meet at 9:30 o'clock ; adjourn at 12 ; meet at 1, and adjourn at will.

The Order of Business, as printed in the minutes last year, was adopted for this session.

The committee on time, place, and preacher for next year submitted the following

REPORT:

We, your Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher for next session of this association, respectfully recommend Pine M. House as the place, and Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1891, and Rev. C. G. Wells to preach the introductory sermon.

C. W. TRICE,
J. H. FEEZOR, } Committee.
C. W. DAVIS,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20TH.

Rev. C. G. Wells conducted the religious exercises.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected, and approved.

Dr. Durham read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work was larger last year than ever before. We then had many Missionaries and Colporters, and in addition to these, there were built more than one hundred houses of worship. We did our State Mission work last year on a financial basis of $12,614.87, but at Henderson, last November, the Convention said: "We ought to trust the Lord to guide, and the churches to come to our aid, and undertake greater things than ever before," and recommended that we arrange our work for this year on the basis of $15,000. To facilitate this work the amount was apportioned among the associations. This association was asked to *try* to raise of this amount $300. Our Missionaries have been greatly blessed this year. Our churches gave the past year, over any preceding year, to Foreign Missions $1,400, and to Home Missions $1,050. This increase, as we believe, was largely due to the fact that the Board urged the churches to unitedly use the time from our Convention to May in special efforts for these objects, and did not in any way confuse them by asking collections for the other departments. We now ask the pastors and churches to give special attention, from August 1st to the Convention, to collections for State Missions, Colportage, and Sunday schools. On August 1, 1889, there had been acknowledged by our Treasurer, J. D. Boushall, for State Missions, $2,397.80; and on August 1, 1890, he has acknowledged for the same work, $3,956.56—an advance on last year's work at this date of $1,558.96. The crops now promise to be abundant; can we not, therefore, reasonably ask every Pastor and Church to see to it that more liberal collections than have ever been made be now, and on to November 1st, made for (1) State Missions, (2) Colportage, (3) Sunday schools. These are separate and entirely distinct departments, and money given for one of these objects cannot be used for either of the others.

The last Convention of said Colportage: "We need for this work next year at least $5,000." What part of that amount will you send to our Treasurer, J. D. Boushall? Our Colporters are at work in fifteen Associations. They are doing an important work. Our Sunday-school Mission work is large, and for this we are in much need. Please help us in all of these departments with at least one collection.

The Board has had, since the last Convention, many urgent applications from important and hopeful destitute fields to appoint Missionaries and Colporters which it was compelled to decline for the lack of means. We believe if the Pastors and churches could see these opportunities to extend the Master's Kingdom as they really exist, the means would be furnished to do the work. The Lord will give us the ability to do all that is our duty to do in this great work, if, unitedly for His glory, and lead by His Spirit, we, with faith, undertake it and falter not. Phil. iv., 13; Numbers vi., 24, 25, and 26.

Hopefully your servants in the Lord's work,

C. DURHAM,
A. P. SNIDER.

Remarks were made by C. Durham, J. D. Newton, and J. A. Speight. The report was then adopted.

Professor J. B. Carlyle presented the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The spirit of the age and needs of the times make mental training an essential to the highest success. Hence it is the duty of parents to give their children the best possible education. We are glad to report marked progress in this matter. Our people are becoming more deeply interested. Our academies and high schools are receiving more liberal patronage and are better equipped for their work than ever before.

The outlook for Wake Forest College is bright. A very large increase in the number of new students is expected at the opening of the coming session. We would urge upon our brethren the importance of availing themselves more largely of its benefits. We have several excellent female colleges. Especially do we commend High Point Female College, located in this association, as an institution worthy of the patronage and support of all our brethren who have daughters to educate.

During the past year the Education Board of our Convention aided twenty-nine young ministers. For next year thirty-five have already been received and others still are applying. We commend this cause to the churches, and ask them to increase their contributions for education during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Stallings, } Committee.
J. B. Carlyle, }

Brother Carlyle spoke to this report. Pending the motion, adopt, the body adjourned one hour for dinner.

Afternoon Session, August 20th.

The Report on Eeducation was further discussed by Brethren Stallings and Durham. A collection was taken amounting to $5.20. Report adopted

Brother R. T. Hamner submittted the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To am't. for State Missions,	$193 14
“ “ Foreign “	50 34
“ “ Home “	40 06
“ “ Education,	72 66
“ “ Orphange,	25 70
“ “ Cuban Mission,	15 77
“ “ Colportage,	6 75
“ “ Minute Fund,	26 42
	$430 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

By am't. paid for State Missions,.......	$197 16	
" " " Foreign "	50 34	
" " " Home "	40 06	
" " " Education,................	72 66	
" " " Orphanage,..............	25 70	
" " " Cuban Missions,........	15 77	
" " " Colportage................	6 75	
" " " Ministers, cl'k fee, &c.,	26 42	
	$434 86	
To " due Tre's'r to bal. State Mis.,		4 02
		$434 86

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. HAMNER, TREASURER.

The above report has been audited and found correct as per vouchers. THOS. CARRICK, Auditor.

The above report was adopted without remarks.

H. L. Watson offered the following

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The report on Charity and Orphanage adopted by this association at its session of last year states: "Let us give God thanks, take courage and go forward," and if this was true then—and it was true—how much more have we now, as Baptists, to thank God, take courage, and continue to go forward. Since your last session there has been added to the number of buildings at the Orphanage the most complete and largest buildings of any at the Asylum. A Nursery Building where the smallest children can be cared for. And now, while we are here, there is being erected still another building as large as this one, a building which has been so much needed during this year. An Infirmary, where the sick can be cared for separate and apart from the others.

The blessings of the Lord have been upon this institution. And while the hand of disease has been upon many of the dear children during this year, all have recovered or are convalescent, but little Nelson Denny, whose body was laid to rest in our garden for the dead, and whose soul, we trust, has been transplanted a full grown flower to adorn the garden of Eden.

We have now about 120 children. The prayer to go to God last session has been abundantly answered.

There are now more children, more houses to be maintained, more demands upon us.

We recommend that one member of each church in the association be appointed to continue the work in their respective churches, and that those who are appointed be requested to report to the Treasurer of the Orphanage, from time to time, the progress of their work.

Again, we say to the brethren to give thanks unto God and be of good courage.

H. L. Watson,
J. M. Bennett.

Remarks by Bennett, Watson, and Durham. At the close of the discussion Brother Durham offered the following:

Resolved: That the Pastors be requested to bring the Orphanage before their churches, and urge them to contribute to this work, and to give due public notice and ask each church and congregation to meet on a fixed day at the church or some suitable place and pack a box for these orphan children.

This amendment, together with the above report, were adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Liberty Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren: The work entrusted to us by you at our last association has been done to the best of our ability; yet it is only fairly begun. There are fields we should occupy and do it at once, which have of necessity been neglected. Brother Sheets has preached at Kernersville ever since last November, where the outlook is very hopeful with large and attentive congregations. He speaks of the work at this point encouragingly; says he intends to hold a protracted meeting there in October, and expects to baptize some there this Fall. Besides this he has been preaching at Oak Hill since January last. This is a small, weak church and not so hopeful. They will need the assistance of the Board to enable them to have regular services. We would remind them that when they cease work the

Board will discontinue its aid. Brother Sheets has also been preaching and distributing denominational tracts during the past year in connection with his other work at other points. At or near Weisner's school house in the upper part of Davidson county between Clemmonsville and New Friendship where there is some sympathy for our cause, large and attentive crowds always attend service.

Brother Stallings has been voluntary supplying some points near Teaguetown and Piney Grove and purposes to hold a protracted meeting there this Fall.

Brother Carrick has been doing voluntary work at Black Jack and Marion. The latter place he thinks can be stimulated to stand alone. Brother Summey has done some missionary work in the Association, but we have no report.

The Board is glad to report that Thomasville, High Point, and the Orphanage have secured the services of Brother C. G. Wells. We would recomend the Association to help Tom's Creek church, at Denton, until they can get into their house, as we regard that move a forward and upward step.

We must revive the colportage work, and we would ask the delegates not to leave this body until some step has been taken to secure the services of a colporter for at least half of the year.

Brethren! Representatives of the different churches, we would remind you that the work all around is growing on our hands, and we must enlarge our contributions or the Lord will count us unworthy stewards.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS CARRICK,
HENRY SHEETS,
J. M. STONER.

Adopted without remarks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Education.	Cuban House.	Minute Fund.	Colportage.
Abbott's Creek	7 33				1 99		2 00	
Eldorado	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 85	1 00		70	1 00
High Point					3 01		1 50	2 00
Holloway's					55		2 12	
Jackson's Creek	1 40	1 00		50		10	35	
Jersey	24 00	7 94	3 00		6 30	3 00	1 50	
Kernersville								
Lexington						2 78	2 50	
Liberty	2 66						75	
Lick Creek	5 15	2 36	65				1 80	
Marion	2 00						25	
New Friendsip							3 00	
Oak Hill		2 30						
Pine M. House	4 54				7 17		2 68	
Pleasant Grove								
Reed's X Roads							1 50	
Rich Fork	2 00				49		1 00	
Summerville	4 58	2 00	1 50		1 00		1 00	
Thomasville	3 00	1 00	1 00	50	50		50	
Tom's Creek	1 40						60	
Totals	62 06	15 60	7 15	3 85	22 00	6 38	23 75	3 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Stoner, } Finance
A. C. Wood, } Com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The brethren whose names follow elected to serve on Executive Committee: Thomas Carrick, A. P. Snider, James Smith, B. C. Cole, and J. M. Stoner.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Thursday Morning, August 21st.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. A. Summey. Elder J. N. Stallings offered the following:

Resolved: That our churches which may carry out the resolution adopted at this session, to pack a box and send the same to the Orphanage, be requested to place a fair cash value on each article and ascertain the value in the aggregate and report the same to the treasurer of the institution who is requested to publish that valuation when he makes his acknowledgement of the articles, and if the valuation of the church seems to him excessive, to also publish his own estimate of the true value; keep a record of the same amount incorporate it in his annual report.

Adopted.

REPORT OF RELIGION AND TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would beg leave to submit the following report: We notice from the letters of our churches that some of them have enjoyed gracious revivals, and that most of them have been more liberal in their contributions for the upbuilding of the Master's cause. This is evidence that the state of religion among our churches is improving. Yet we do not feel that we have done our whole duty, or that our churches are enjoying that state of religion which is derived from a faithful performance of our every duty toward God.

May the time soon come when all our church members will find in their hearts an abundance of that religion which prompts them to obey the words of Him who said "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

And as for the question of temperance, it is one of the most important that confronts the Christian of to-day. No man can be a useful servant of Christ who in any way partakes of, or deals in, intoxicating liquors. And we fear that those of our churches that allow their members to sell fruit to the distilleries while we have more than a hundred orphans at Thomasville, that so much need their fruit, are doing more for the upbuilding of Satan's kingdom than for Christ's. We can not as Christions "Visit the fatherless (orphans) and widow in their affliction," and at the same time furnish the materials for making orphans and widows, and sending souls to perdition. God speed the day when our churches will see the evil of intemperance and abstain from all the appearance of it. THOMAS CARRICK,

J. R. MILLER.

This report was adopted.

The committee appointed to apportion what, in their opinion, each church ought to contribute to aid Tom's Creek church, submitted the following

REPORT.

We, the committee appointed to consider the matter of building a new house of worship at Denton, N. C., for the use of Tom's Creek Baptist church, beg leave to recommend this matter to the favorable financial consideration of the churches of this Association, and would respectfully ask the churches as soon as possible to forward a contribution to the Treasurer of this Association for this important work.

We would the churches to send not less than the following amounts: Abbott's Creek, $15.00; Eldorado, $5.00; High Point, $15.00; Holloway's, $15.00; Jackson's creek, $5.00; Jersey, $15.00; Kernersvile, $3.00; Lexington, $25.00; Lick creek, $10.00; Liberty, $15.00; New Friendship, $15.00; Oak Hill, $2.50; Pine Meeting House, $20.00; Pleasant Grove, $2.50; Reed's X Roads, $15.00; Rich Fork, $5.00; Summerville, $2.00; Thomasville, $5.00. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS CARRICK,
B. C. COLE,
J. R. MILLER.

Discussed by Carrick, Henderson, Summey, and Sheets. Report adopted.

Rev. J. D. Newton the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is binding upon all the Lord's saints. North Carolina Baptists should feel highly honored in having so many of their number called of the Lord to give their lives for the salvation of the heathen world. Over thirty men and women from this State are now teaching and preaching the Gospel in heathen lands. The Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Richmond, and has under its employment all that can be supported with the means in hand. Hundreds of men and women are saying to-day, "Here am I, send me." Shall we send them, or shall we not? Shall we hinder the progress of the Lord's work in heathen lands by with-holding the Lord's money." The Lord is no respecter of persons. He died for souls in Africa, China, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, and in all the other nations of the earth. The Board is directing their efforts in each of the above countries, and the Lord is graciously blessing.

J. D. NEWTON,
N. W. BEESON.

After remarks by Newton and Stallings, the report was heartily adopted.

Elder C. G. Wells read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Under the direction of the Home Mission Board God has blessed the labors of our missionaries during the past year. There has been steady progress all along the lines, and we have abundant cause to be thankful to Almighty God. The work is His, and it is bound to continue to prosper. We only have to do our duty.

We commend the churches for the interest shown in this work, and urge them to continue their contributions.

The work in Cuba has been interrupted by the imprisonment of Brother A. J. Diaz, the missionary of our Board there, but we trust that under Providence it will all result in the further spread of the Gospel. Let us pray for this result, and, with a firm reliance in God, go forward to the discharge of our duty.

C. G. Wells, }
C. W. Davis. } Committee.

Remarks by Brother Wells. Adopted.

Afternoon Session, August 21st.

The report on Sunday schools was read by Brother L. W. Harris.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday schools beg leave to report the following: We believe that the Sunday school is a part of church work, and that it is the duty of both pastor and church to engage in this work. We are glad that we can report a growing interest among our churches to teach Bible truths to the young people. How important that our children have a knowledge of the Bible early in life. We believe the Sunday school to be a great means by which to develop the membership of the churches in all departments of the Lord's work. We recommend the use of our Sunday School Literature to all of our Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted.

Lee W. Harris, }
Jefferson Lanning. } Committee.

Remarks by Brothers Stallings and Wells. Adopted.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

This work was recommended by the Executive Committee. Pledges were taken for this important work. See Table of Pledges.

The following named brethren were appointed as delegates to Baptist State Convention: G. F. Smith, Sen., L. A. Tysinger, and H. J. Palmer.

To Southern Baptist Convention, Henry Sheets; Alternate, C. G. Wells.

The Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes. That after Clerk's fee of $10,00 and other expenses paid, that he have as many printed as he can for the money sent up.

Resolution of thanks by Elder J. D. Newton:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the kind and generous hospitality as expressed by them to the messengers and visitors to this session of the Association. Respectfully,

J. D. Newton.

So ended the Fifty-Seventh annual session of the Liberty Association. This was a pleasant, harmonious, and profitable session.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.

Henry Sheets, Clerk.

Table of Pledges for the Year 1891.

CHURCHES.	*State M.*	*Foreign M.*	*Home M.*	*Education*	*Colp'age.*	*Totals.*
Abbott's Creek	12 00	2 50	2 50	4 00	5 00	26 00
Eldorado.........	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	1 00	9 00
High Point......	15 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	45 00
Holloway's......	20 00	10 00	4 00	10 00	2 50	46 50
Jackson'sCreek	2 00	2 50	2 00	....	1 00	7 50
Jersey..............	35 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	65 00
Kernersville.....	10 00	2 50	2 00	3 00	1 00	18 50
Lexington	40 00	16 00	12 00	22 00	5 00	95 00
Liberty............	15 00	5 00	3 00	3 50	2 50	29 00
Lick Creek	10 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	23 00
Marion	2 00	....	1 00	....	....	3 00
New Friendship	12 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	40 00
Oak Hill..........	6 00	1 00	2 00	....	1 00	10 00
Pine M. House	35 00	15 00	5 00	12 00	4 00	71 00
Pleasant Grove	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 50	3 00	22 50
Reed's X Roads	18 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	2 50	33 00
Rich Fork........	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	12 00
Summerville....	6 00	2 50	1 50	2 00	1 00	13 00
Thomasville....	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	13 00
Tom's Creek....	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	....	4 00
Liberty U. M'g	20 00	....	....	5 00	....	28 00
TOTALS.........	283 00	109 50	62 50	109 00	47 50	611 50

Financial Table for the Year Ending August, 1890.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor.	Repairs.	Other Objects.	Grand Total.
Abbott's Creek...	C. H. Teague......	Abbott's C.	12 00	3 79	3 78	3 00	5 83	100 00	....	....	500 00	35 02	663 42
El Dorado	L. W. Harris	El Dorado	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 85	50 00	....	....	....	1 70	61 55
High Point.........	A. C. Jones	High Point	10 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	400 00	14 00	....	12 00	68 33	527 33
Holloway's	Jas. I. Stoner......	Silver Hill	20 00	10 00	4 00	4 07	....	100 00	1 00	....	....	24 72	163 79
Jackson's Creek..	S. M. Barnes	Lytton	1 40	1 00	75	....	50	30 00	50	....	....	2 60	36 75
Jersey	G. W. Palmer......	Linwood	35 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	25 00	150 00	65 00	....	....	15 89	315 89
Kernersville........	J. F. Lancaster...	Oak Ridge	7 42	2 72	2 00	2 77	5 00	55 00	....	....	....	11 56	86 47
Lexington	R. T. Hamner.....	Lexington	44 25	16 51	20 75	18 19	32 43	300 00	43 75	30 93	....	379 39	886 20
Liberty...............	J. M. Easter........	Hannersville	3 99	....	....	....	5 08	75 00	4 65	....	....	3 02	91 74
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole...........	Bringle's	8 00	3 78	65	2 12	....	75 00	40 00	....	75 00	11 80	216 35
Marion...............	R. S. Green	Lexington	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 00
New Friendship..	W. R. Rominger..	Salem	10 00	5 00	4 75	10 00	3 81	100 00	75	....	1,500 00	31 55	1,665 86
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Thômas ville	2 06	2 30	64	....	....	50 00	....	....	....	2 70	57 70
Pine M'g House	W. C. Grubb	Jubilee	31 00	10 00	3 50	12 00	....	250 00	9 21	....	....	22 64	338 35
Pleasant Grove...	J. H. Wilson........	Randleman	4 50	7 25	3 10	60	....	50 00	5 80	....	....	9 00	80 25
Reed's X Roads..	L. P. Craver	Michael	17 50	5 00	2 50	5 00	19 75	125 00	26 22	....	....	5 03	206 01
Rich Fork..........	W. S. Kanoy	Thomas ville	2 00	2 35	1 46	49	70	150 00	28 25	2 50	19 00	1 00	207 75
Summerville	L. A. Tysinger ...	Denton	6 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	5 25	40 18	25	....	....	20 00	77 18
Thomasville	H. Morton	Thomas ville	3 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	100 00	10 00	....	50	5 50	122 00
Tom's Creek	H. L. Gallimore..	Denton	1 40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 26	2 66
TOTALS.........	....	....	225 52	88 70	61 38	74 74	116 70	2,200 18	239 39	33 43	2,106 50	652 71	5,809 25

Statistical Table for the Year Ending August, 1890.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	ADDED.				LOST.				MEMBERSHIP.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							Sabbath of Preaching.
		Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	School Expenses.	Contributions by School.	No. Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	
Abbott's Creek...	J. N. Stallings.....	27	2	1	30	1	5	3	9	41	103	144	5	70	75	....	13 55	......	40	3rd
El Dorado..........	W. M. Thompson	16	....	...	16	......	4	....	4	35	65	100	......	......	......	....	....	......	......	2nd
High Point.........	C. G. Wells	......	6	...	6	5	...	2	7	36	61	97	16	61	77	12 90	36 93	54	125	2nd & 4th
Holloway's.........	J. M. Bennett	8	....	...	8	3	3	1	7	59	107	166	4	20	24	3 40	3 40	......	22	2nd
Jackson's Creek..	H. Morton	14	4	1	19	1	1	....	2	24	40	64	4	40	44	35	....	......	......	3rd
Jersey..................	Thomas Carrick	......	....	2	2	3	2	2	7	54	68	122	7	50	57	1 39	3 03	......	......	3rd
Kernersville	Henry Sheets......	1	1	...	2	1	....	....	1	11	22	33	5	80	85	6 10	13 00	......	66	2nd
Lexington...........	Thomas Carrick	31	8	...	29	7	1	3	11	62	79	141	8	60	68	30 00	60 00	75	225	2nd & 4th
Liberty	H. Morton..........	......	1	...	1	5	1	....	6	62	115	177	7	65	72	2 27	2 27	100	40	2nd
Lick Creek	H. Morton..........	......	2	...	2	......	2	....	2	56	71	127	6	45	51	3 00	73	.. ...	45	4th
Marion	Sup. by T. Carrick	......	....	...	......	......	....	....	......	7	10	17	......	......	......	....	....	......	......	4th
New Friendship..	Henry Sheets......	1	1	...	2	2	4	4	10	50	92	142	8	50	58	6 05	5 00	......	60	4th
Oak Hill..............	Henry Sheets......	......	....	...	......	......	....	....	......	11	19	30	5	20	25	2 75	....	......	30	1st
Pine M. House....	J. M. Bennett......	18	2	1	21	5	1	2	8	103	151	254	4	33	37	4 96	....	......	60	2nd & 4th
Pleasant Grove...	G. L. Merrell.	.....	3	...	3	7	....	....	7	9	22	131	6	50	56	....	10 00	50	......	2nd
Reed's X Roads...	Thomas Carrick	3	....	...	3	......	....	1	1	41	77	118	8	66	74	3 53	....	70	101	1st
Rich Fork...........	J. D. Newton	34	1	1	36	5	....	....	5	39	77	116	6	73	79	....	....	......	......	4th
Summerville........	John A. Summey	6	2	...	8	......	....	1	1	32	66	98	......	......	......	....	....	......	......	1st
Thomasville........	C. G. Wells	....	2	...	2	1	....	1	2	10	22	32	2	18	20	1 00	....	48	43	1st
Tom's Creek.......	No Pastor...........	......	...	...	......	......	....	....	......	5	8	13	4	30	34	66	....	......	......	2nd
TOTALS....................................		149	35	6	190	46	24	20	90	747	1275	2022	105	831	936	78 38	148 06	379	857	....

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

—OF—

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Pine Meeting House,

August 18th--20th, 1891.

COLLECTION

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Time and Place of Next Meeting:

TIME—Tuesday Before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1892.
PLACE—High Point, Guilford County, N. C.

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List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Baptist Association.

W. S. Adderton	Denton,	N. C.
J. M. Bennett	Jubilee,	“
Thomas Carrick	Lexington,	“
J. K. Fant	High Point,	“
W. H. Hamner	Lexington,	“
G. W. Henderson	Eldorado,	“
Benjamin Lanier, Sr	Level Plain,	“
J. F. Lancaster	Oak Ridge,	“
M. J. Leach	Prim,	“
H. Morton	Thomasville,	“
J. M. Pugh	Randleman,	“
J. B. Richardson	High Point,	“
Henry Sheets	Lexington,	“
J. N. Stallings, D. D	High Point,	“
A. P. Stoker	Denton,	“
John A. Summey	Hannersville,	“

Officers of the Association.

Moderator	James Smith,	Lexington,	N. C.
Clerk	Elder Henry Sheets,	“	“
Treasurer	Elder Thomas Carrick,	“	“
Auditors	R. D. Cross and C. W. Trice.		

Executive Committee.

Thomas Carrick,
C. W. Trice,
James Smith,
A. P. Snider,
B. C. Cole.

PROCEEDINGS.

PINE MEETING HOUSE CHURCH,
Davidson Co., N. C., Aug. 18, 1891.

The messengers from the churches composing this Association met with this church to-day in its fifty-eighth annual session.

By the unanimous request of the body, Elder J. K. Fant preached the introductory sermon from Matthew 20:6, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

One hour was given for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing brought the body together, when Moderator Smith called to order.

Elder E. J. Edwards read the first Psalm, and then led in prayer.

The letters from the various churches were then alled for and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—C. H. Teague.
Eldorado—Represented by letter.
High Point—J. A. Delke and A. C. Jones.
Holloway's—A. D. Stoner.
Jackson's Creek—Not represented.
Jersey—G W. Palmer, C. C. Carrick and Jones Q. Miller.
Kernersville—Represented by letter.
Lexington—R. D. Cross, B. L. Hunt and R. C. Maley.
Liberty—George W. Summey.
Lick Creek—J. M. Stafford.
Marion—R. S. Green.
New Friendship -Andrew Sink.
Oak Hill—Isaiah Kennedy.
Pine Meeting House—C. A. Barnes, J. H. Feezor and O. W. Click.
Pleasant Grove—Not represented.
Reed's X Roads—J. H. Walser, C. A. Snider and D. R. Myers.
Rich Fork—C. H. Oetinger and William Bowers.
Summerville—F. H. Davis.
Thomasville—H. Morton.
Tom's Creek—Not represented.

The Association then proceeded to organization. rother James Smith, the present incumbent, was re-lected by acclamation. Whereupon he thanked the rethren for this further expression of confidence, urgng them to greater effort in the Master's work.

Elder Thomas Carrick was elected Treasurer; R. D. ross and C. W. Trice, Auditors.

Upon invitation, Brother J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder; Elder W. R. Gwaltney, of Wake Forest, representing the Education Board; Elder G. W. Greene, of Central Association, representing the Foreign Mission Board; Elder E. J. Edwards, of the North Carolina Baptist; Elder J. C. Denny, of the Stanly Association, and Elder J. D. Newton, representing Charity and Children, accepted seats on the floor.

The pastor, Elder J. M. Bennett, in a few well chosen words, made a speech of welcome. Brother. J. A. Delke was asked to reply. In his own inimitable way, he made a short, terse, pleasant speech.

On motion, the following was made special order for to-morrow:

Consider the Orphanage at 10 o'clock; Periodicals at 10:30; Education at 11:30, followed immediately by Foreign Missions.

Appointment of Ccmmittees.

State Missions—C. Durham and J. M. Stafford.
Foreign Missions—G. W. Greene and C. A. Barnes.
Home Missions—J. K. Fant and B. C. Cole.
Education—W. R. Gwaltney and J. A. Delke.
Periodicals—Thomas Carrick and C. H. Teague.
Baptist Orphanage—J. D. Newton and J. A. Summcy.
Sunday Schools and Corportage—William Bowers and J. C. Denny.
State of Religion and Temperance—H. Morton and C. C. Carrick.
Obituaries—J. M. Prim and Daniel Rickard.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.
Finance—B. C. Cole, D. R. Myers and C. H. Teague.

Appointments for Next Association.

It was agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at High Point, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1892, Elder Henry Sheets to preach the introductory sermon.

Elder G. W. Greene was appointed to preach in this house to-night.

Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Benediction by Elder J. C. Denny.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19TH.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder J. C. Denny.

Report on the Baptist Orphanage read by Elder J. D. Newton.

Report on Baptist Orphanage.

There are now 123 orphans in the Orphanage at Thomasville, all dependent on the voluntary contributions of the Lord's people for food and clothing, "To the widows and orphans in their affliction" is pure and undefiled religion. The work we do for orphans is done to Christ, for he said "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me." The most blessed feature about orphan work, is that it places orphans in a position to be taught the principles of eternal truth. Many of the orphans there now have high ideas of Christianity, and talk intelligently about the doctrines of grace. God's Spirit is leading them under the faithful teaching they are having, to give their hearts to Jesus.

1. We would recommend that churches and Sunday schools in this Association take, each, one collection during the year for the fatherless children of Thomasville.

2. We recommend, secondly, that wherever and whenever possible, the brethren and sisters send boxes of provisions and clothing to the Orphans. Submitted.

J. D. NEWTON,
JOHN A. SUMMEY.

After speeches by Brethren Newton and Delke, a collection was taken, amounting to $12.74. Adopted.

Elder Thomas Carrick read the

Report on Periodicals.

More and more every year our people are becoming a reading people. If they do not find good reading, they will find that which is hurtful. The mails are filled with books and papers that are dangerous in their tendencies. The best way to keep out bad literature is to fill the hands of the people with good literature.

Our people are becoming a working people, and their spirit of work grows with their information and intelligence.

These needs are met first of all by the *Biblical Recorder.* For many years this paper has been giving good and safe and helpful reading to the Baptists of the State. Every pastor finds that the development of his people in all that makes good church members is best advanced by their reading of our own Baptist paper.

The papers that represent the other objects before our people are worthy of careful reading for their merits, and they ought to be read, because they give the information needed to keep our people interested in our Baptist work.

Charity and Children tells us about the Orphanage and its work; the *Foreign Mission Journal* gives information about the work among the heathen; the *Home Field* tells of the work of the Home Mission Board; and the Kind Words series and the American Baptist Society's series gives the needed help for Sunday school scholars and workers. We commend all these to the careful perusal of the brethren.

THOMAS CARRICK,
C. H. TEAGUE.

Interesting remarks were made by Brethren J. C. Caddell, Thomas Carrick and E. J. Edwards. The report was then adopted.

Brother J. A. Delke read the

Report on Education.

Year after year our hearts have been cheered by the repeated announcements of a steadily growing interest in the work of Christian education. The dawn of the past has brightened into an almost millennial glory. The brightest star of all the train, Wake Forest College, though it has not yet rendered its greatest brilliancy, is going on, prospering and to prosper. Second to no college in the South in the number of students, in educational appliances and in accessibility to the poor, its inducements and encouragements are drawing yearly to its walls young men of all religious persuasions and especially those seeking education for the ministry. For the past year, 53 young ministers attended the college, of whom 35 received substantial aid from the Board of Ministerial Education. And the Board has adopted 37 for the present year; and about 8 more have applied for help, but for lack of means their request has been reluctantly declined.

We would here recommend to all who complete their course at this institution to further improve their opportunities for Christian usefulness at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In the mean time our female colleges are lending their aid to prepare efficient co-laborers in the fields already white unto the harvest. Among these, we call special attention to High Point Female College, the only institution of high grade within the bounds of this Association. This school, furnishing instruction as good and on as reasonable terms as can be anywhere secured, claims your patronage and support. So brethren, send on your boys to Wake Forest and your girls to High Point.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. DELKE,
W. R. GWALTNEY.

Brethren J. A. Delke and W. R. Gwaltney made effective speeches; then after pledges were taken, the report was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder J. K. Fant.

Elder G. W. Greene, who is to sail, as missionary to China, in next month, read the

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our fathers prayed that the nations might be opened to the gospel, and the Lord heard their prayers, and now the missionaries can safely go to every nation on the face of the earth. They prayed the Lord to send laborers into his harvest, and men and women are ready to go and carry the good news to the heathen. Now the prayer and the effort should be to move the churches to enlarged liberality, that the men on the field may be supported, and others may be sent. All our missions need reinforcements. From China to Africa, from Japan and Italy, from Brazil and Mexico comes the cry for help. The men and the women are ready to go, begging for permission to go. Only the means are wanting to send them.

Next year is the hundredth year since the modern missionary movement was begun by the Baptists of England with the sending out of William Carey. The Baptists, beginning the movement, have been ever in the front. God has laid special honor upon us as a people. Our limited efforts have been crowned with large success. The Southern Baptist Convention desires to celebrate this centennial by sending out before the end of the year 1393 one hundred missionaries. Already eighteen of the number are under appointment, and will soon be on their way to their various fields. To thus enlarge our forces will demand the doubling of our contributions. This can easily be done, if each giver will consecrate himself to the Lord, and resolve to give to the utmost of his obligation and ability. Many in all our churches give nothing, and earnest efforts should be made to secure regular contributions from all who love our Lord Jesus.

We are glad to note a hopeful increase in the contributions for Foreign Missions reported by the churches. A proportionate increase from all the churches for three years would give the amount needed to send out one hundred new missionaries. Let us all continue to enlarge our efforts.

G. W. GREENE,
C. A. BARNES.

After a most interesting speech by Brother Greene, the report was adopted. It was ordered that the clerk procure blanks for the churches, for Associational letters, sufficient for four years' use.

Elder J. C. Denny read the report on Sunday Schools and Colportage.

Report.

Your committee on Sunday Schools and Colportage beg leave to report: That this work, in its connection with the church, is of importance too great to be lightly passed over. Every professor of religion, great and small, has to answer direct Christ's question, "Do you love me?" And in order to answer satisfactorily, they must feed his lambs. This is done by teaching the children and circulating the printed page. If any one lacks wisdom or strength, God has promised to give it. Then the point of special interest we would recommend to the consideration of the Association is, How can each church best originate and keep in working order a live Sunday school and aid in the colportage work.

Further: That this Association appoint a committee of three whose business it shall be to see after the Sunday school and Colportage work and co-operate with the corresponding secretary.

J. C. DENNY,
WILLIAM BOWERS

Speeches were made on this report by Brethren Denny, Delke, Kesler and Durham. Pledges were then taken, after which the report was adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20TH.

After religious services, the following was submitted:

Report on Ministers' Relief.

The Baptist State Convention has created a board, located at Durham, Brother C. A. Woodson, Secretary, whose duty it is to collect funds and supply the wants of any indigent and aged Baptist ministers in the bounds of our Convention. We commend the work of this board to the churches of this Association. We are glad to note that there are no destitute ministers in this Association. Respectfully submitted.

J. K. FANT,
H. MORTON,
R. D. CROSS.

This report was adopted without discussion.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, with the understanding that it be referred to the Auditors for correction. The following is the

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

To am't for	State Missions...	$233 28
"	For'n Missions..	52.01
"	Home Missions..	47 14
"	Education.........	70 56
"	Orphanage........	46 94
"	Colportage........	10 86
"	Sunday Schools	3 76
"	Minute Fund.....	23 15
		$487 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

By am't paid on	State Mis'ns..	$233 28
"	For'n Misn's..	52 01
"	Home Misn's.	47 14
"	Education.....	70 56
"	Orphanage.....	46 94
"	Colportage....	10 86
"	S. Schools......	3 76
"	Minute Fund	23 68
		$488 23

To bal. on Minute Fund...... .53.

Respectfully submittted.

R. T. HAMNER, Treas.

The following report was read by Brother Fant:

Report on Home Missions.

"The field is the world," and missions are one; but for convenience of management and of reference it has seemed good to divide the work into State, Home and Foreign Missions. By State Missions, we mean the work we are doing to supply the gospel to the destitute in our own State. By Home Missions, we understand our efforts to supply such destitution in the entire South as cannot be done by the State boards, together with our missions in Cuba. All the rest of our missionary operations, in trying to carry the gospel to the regions beyond, has been committed to the Foreign Mission board.

Prominent among these departments of Christian labor is Home Missions, or the work of the Southern Baptists to preach the gospel to those who need it in our Southern country, among the native population, foreign population, the Indians, in our cities, to the negroes, and also in the island of Cuba.

This vast field, already white unto the harvest, demands our heartiest thanksgiving for the signal blessings which have crowned the efforts of this board in the past, and our prayers and contributions for still larger blessings in the future. Respectfully submitted.

J. K. FANT,
B. C. COLE.

Brethren Fant and Bennett made interesting and instructive speeches on the above report, after which it was then adopted.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three, consisting of Elders J. A. Summey, Thomas Carrick and Henry Sheets to visit Marion church and see what can be done towards helping the church to have regular preaching.

Elder C. Durham read the

Report on State Missions.

At the last session of the Baptist State Convention, the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools was instructed to arrange its work for this year on the financial basis of $16,500. The board has obeyed. The work, therefore, has been enlarged beyond anything it has ever done. We have 118 missionaries. The board has also many other pressing and important applications for aid before it. Some of them ought, if possible, to be granted.

From this foundation work, through all the years since our fathers began the struggle for a pure and scriptural Christianity, has come the supplies which have sustained every department of our work. The Board looks hopefully to the pastors and churches for larger contributions to Stae Missions this year than ever before.

As we wisely enlarge this work, we make it possible to enlarge and sustain Education, Home and Foreign Missions, our Orphanage, to build new houses of worship and to sustain every good work.

Therefore, resolved: That we will try to secure for State Missions during the next Associational year $400.

J. M. STAFFORD,
C. DURHAM.

Dr. Durham made one of his best efforts, in a speech of an hour's length, at the close of which pledges were taken for next year's work, amounting to $322.00, besides a small cash collection, amounting to $5.11. The report was then adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator in the chair.

The following named brethren were appointed as an associational committee to look after Colportage and Sunday Schools, viz: J. K. Fant, R. C. Charles and Henry Sheets.

Elder J. B. Newton, now of Fork Church, was recognized and welcomed to a seat.

At this juncture, Brother Carrick, in behalf of the Executive Committee, submited an interesting verbal report of the work being done by said board.

Brother Morton made a statement in regard to the work at Denton.

Elder H. Morton read the

Report on State of Religion and Temperance.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: While there are some things very gratifying as seen from the letters, yet it is easy to be seen that that there is great need of development and progress; and we note with regret that so many of our churches fail in part or all together to represent themselves by delegation in the Association; and the spirit of iberality is not such as would be desired. We find that a great many of our church members are doing almost absolutely nothing to extend the kingdom of Christ in the earth. Brethren these things ought not so to be.

On the subject of temperance we have this to say: We believe that the great question of the day is the evil of intemperance.

We are glad to know that some of our churches have been incorporated and the sale of intoxicants prohibited by law for miles around. Let he good work go on and let our brethren by every lawful and honorable neans suppress the great evil of intemperance and hasten a better day when these evils shall be known as things of the past; and let our churches withdraw fellowship from such as walk disorderly, and in no way give encouragement to the making, selling, or even the moderate use of intoxicants. Respectfully submitted.

H. MORTON,
C. C. CARRICK.

After remarks by Brethren Morton, Durham, Sheets and Fant, the report was adopted.

Brother R. D. Cross made a short but interesting talk on Colportage, giving some of his experience in this work.

Brethren J. A. Delke, Thomas Carrick and H. Morton were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention in November next.

Brother J. K. Fant, with J. M. Bennett, alternate, was appointed as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in Atlanta in May next.

On motion the clerk was allowed $10.00 as fee for services, and that he have as many minutes printed as the remainder of the money will pay for.

Elder Fant offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and community for their kindness in furnishing transportation to and from the church and for their excellent hospitality during the sessions of this Association

This resolution was passed by a rising vote.

Thus endeth the fifty-eighth annual session of Liberty Baptist Association.

JAMES SMITH, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Report of Committee on Finance.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We submit the following report of monies received during the sitting of this body:

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	For'n Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Colportage.	Minute Fund.
Abbotts Creek	$	$ 2 50	$ 2 50	$ 4 00	$	$ 1.70
Eldorado	3 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
High Point	5 00			5 00	5 00	2 00
Holloway's	14 10	6 04	4 00	8 00	2 50	1 50
Jersey					5 00	1 45
Kernersville					1 85	60
Lexington						3 40
Liberty	5 31					60
Lick Creek	4 85	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 20	1 85
Marion						25
New Friendship					2 58	2 75
Oak Hill		50	35			
Pine M. House	12 55	4 00		12 00	4 00	3 50
Reed's X Roads						2 00
Rich Fork	2 50	1 00	98			50
Summerville	2 12	2 13	3 07			85
Thomasville						50
Tom's Creek	1 35	50	50			
	$51 28	$21 67	$13 40	$32 00	$23 13	$23 45

Public Collection for Orphanage, $12.74. Grand Total, $176.67.

Paid to J. D. Newton for Baptist Orphanage, $12 74. Paid to Thos Carrick, Treasurer, as follows: For State Missions, $51 28; Foreign Missions, $21 67: Home Missions, $13 40; Education, $32.00; Colportage, $23 13; Minute Fund, $22 45. Total, $163 93.

B. C. COLE,
D. R. MYERS,
C. H. TEAGUE.

Pledges for the Year Ending August, 1892.

CHURCHES	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Home Missions.	Colportage.	Total.
Abbotts Creek,	$ 12 00	$ 2 50	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	$	$ 20 50
Eldorado	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		6 00
High Point	25 00	20 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	75 00
Holloways	20 00	10 00	10 00	4 00	2 50	43 50
Jackson's Creek	2 00	2 00	1 00			5 00
Jersey	25 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	6 00	56 00
Kernersville	12 00	3 50	5 00	3 00	2 00	25 50
Lexington	45 00	20 00	25 00	15 00	10 00	115 00
Liberty	18 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 50	32 50
Lick Creek	12 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	2 00	24 00
Marion	3 00			1 00		4 00
New Friendship	16 00	10 00	10 00	6 00	3 00	45 00
Oak Hill	3 00	1 00		2 00		6 00
Pine M. House	45 00	15 00	12 00	5 00	4 00	81 00
Pleasant Grove	12 00					12 00
Reed's X Roads	20 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	40 50
Rich Fork	6 00	4 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	15 50
Summerville	6 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		10 00
Thomasville	5 00	2 00		2 00		9 00
Tom's Creek	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00		12 00
Welch's Arbor	3 00	2 00		1 00		6 00
Liberty Union	25 00		5 00			30 00
H. Morton			1 00			1 00
Isa Kennedy			1 00			1 00
Public Collection	5 11					5 11
	$327 11	$124 00	$118 50	$74 00	$40 50	$684 11

Statistical Table for the Year Ending August, 1891.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	ADDED.				LOST.				MEMBERSHIP.			Sabbath of Preaching.
			Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	
Abbotts Creek	J. N. Stallings	High Point	9			9		3	1	4	65	117	182	2d
Eldorado	G. W. Henderson	Eldorado	5			5	7	1	1	9	35	56	91	2d
High Point	J. K. Fant	High Point	6	12		18	4			4	42	69	111	1, 2, 3, 4
Holloway's	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee	15	5	2	22	5	3	2	10	62	119	181	2d
Jackson Creek	H. Morton	Thomasville									24	40	64	3d
Jersey	Thomas Carrick	Lexington	3	3		6	12	2	1	15	50	63	113	3d
Kernersville	Henry Sheets	Lexington	6			6			1	1	10	27	37	2d
Lexington	Thomas Carrick	Lexington	11	10		21	5	2	1	8	69	85	154	2d, 4th
Lick Creek	H. Morton	Thomasville	4	2		6	6		1	7	54	75	129	4th
Liberty	H. Morton	Thomasville	9			9		3	1	4	65	117	182	2d
Marion	No Pastor		2			2	1	1	1	3	5	11	16	
New Friendship	Henry Sheets	Lexington	5		3	8	5	1	2	8	49	92	141	4th
Oak Hill	H. Morton	Thomasville,						3		3	10	18	28	1st
Pine M. House	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee	11			11	2	5	1	8	101	143	244	2d, 4th
Pleasant Grove	J. B. Richardson	High Point									9	22	31	
Reed's X Roads	Thomas Carrick	Lexington	7	4	1	12	3		2	5	45	78	123	1st
Rich Fork	J. A. Summey	Hannersville	13			13	25	2	1	28			101	4th
Summerville	J. A. Summey	Hannersville						4	4	8	31	59	90	1st
Thomasville	No Pastor				1	1	4			4	6	17	23	
Tom's Creek	No Pastor										5	8	13	
			106	36	7	149	79	30	20	129	737	1216	2054	

Financial Table for the Year Ending August, 1891.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor of Church.	Other Objects.	Colportage.	Minute Fund	Totals.
Abbotts Creek	12 00	2 50	2 50	4 00	24 00	100 00	....	....	24 50	....	1 70	171 20
Eldorado	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 50	....	40 00	....	....	....	1 00	....	49 00
High Point	15 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	11 40	500 00	80 00	....	26 00	5 00	2 00	664 40
Holloway's	18 00	9 64	4 00	8 00	13 50	100 00	65 00	....	10 00	2 50	1 50	232 14
Jackson Creek (No Letter)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jersey	35 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	7 90	150 00	16 00	....	10 30	5 00	1 40	250 60
Kernersville	10 11	3 19	1 99	4 05	7 85	55 00	5 00	....	117 50	1 85	60	207 14
Lexington	45 14	17 52	12 16	22 36	44 05	300 00	....	....	529 73	5 36	3 40	979 76
Lick Creek	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	....	52 00	15 00	....	....	1 20	1 85	89 05
Liberty	5 21	....	....	....	....	53 60	....	....	....	....	60	59 41
Marion	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	25
New Friendship	10 00	12 00	5 00	10 00	....	100 00	22 00	....	600 00	2 58	2 75	764 33
Oak Hill	1 50	....	....	50	....	37 50	70	....	5 50	....	....	45 70
Pine M. House	35 00	15 00	5 00	12 00	46 00	250 00	....	10 25	16 50	4 00	3 50	397 25
Pleasant Grove (No Letter)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Reed's X Roads	18 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	125 00	12 03	....	9 60	2 50	2 00	197 13
Rich Fork	2 50	1 00	98	11 00	....	....	1 50	....	5 41	....	50	22 89
Summerville	4 00	3 25	3 07	....	....	....	6 78	1 50	8 10	....	85	27 55
Thomasville	1 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	2 50
Tom's Creek (No Letter)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	226 46	99 60	52 70	100 41	164 74	1,863 10	224 01	11 75	1,363 14	30 99	23 40	4,160 30

Official Report of Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Volumes in Library.	No. quarterlies and papers taken.	Contributed by School.	Sunday School Expenses.	No. of Months Kept Open.
Abbotts Creek	C. W. Davis	Abbott's Creek	4	52	56			$	$	
Eldorado										
High Point	A. J. Dodameade	High Point	11	71	82			16 32	41 71	12
Holloway's	J. A. Carrick	Fairmount	3	35	38				5 00	8
Jackson Creek										
Jersey	G. W. Miller	Linwood	8	40	48		30		2 00	8
Kernersville	J. F. Lancaster	Oak Ridge	6	35	41		52	7 85	6 50	12
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington	9	85	94			88 67		12
Lick Creek	W. S. Carrick	Bringles	6	25	31		25		1 50	9
Liberty	S. L. Lambeth	Hannersville	5	25	30	100				8
Marion										
New Friendship										
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Thomasville	3	20	23		15		1 20	8
Pine M. House	S. C. Beck	Jubilee	4	26	30					
Pleasant Grove										
Reed's X Roads	Jeff Lanning	Lexington	7	100	107	70	101		3 80	9
Rich Fork	William Bowers	Jimes	5	50	55					12
Summerville										
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhardt	Thomasville	1	8	9	50	10		1 45	12
Tom's Creek										
			72	572	644	220	233	112 84	$63 16	

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HIGH POINT GUILFORD COUNTY N. C.

AUGUST 23, 24, 25, 1892.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Time—*Tuesday before the Fourth Sabbath in August*, 1893

Place—*Kernersville, Forsythe County, N. C.*

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Adderton, W. S.	Denton,	North	Carolina.
Bennett, J. M.	Jubilee,	"	"
Carrick, Thos.	Lexington,	"	"
Fant, J. K.	High Point,	"	"
Hammer, W. H.	Lexington,	"	"
Henderson, G. W.	Blaine,	"	"
*Hilliard, J. M.	Thomasville,	"	"
Lancaster, J. F.	Oak Ridge,	"	"
Lanier, Benj, Sr.	Level Plain,	"	"
Leach, M. J.	Prim,	"	"
Morton, H.	Thomasville,	"	"
Pugh. J. M.	Randleman,	"	"
Richardson, J. B.	High Point,	"	"
Sheets, Henry	Lexington.	"	"
Stallings, J. N.	High Point,	"	"
Stoker, A. P.	Denton,	"	"
Summey, J. A.	Hannersville.	"	"
*Webb, G. M.	Randleman,	"	"

LICENTIATES.

Jefferson Lanning. D. R. Myers, Daniel B. Rickard and R. D. Cross.

* { J. M. Hilliard came to us from Buncombe Association.
{ G. M. Webb came to us from Kings Mountain Association, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thomas Carrick, James Smith, C. W. Trice, A. P. Snider, B. C. Cole.

Churches in the Association,	20
Represented at this meeting by messengers,	18
*New churches received at this session,	1
Messengers allowed in this body,	60
Messengers present,	40
Total membership of Liberty Association,	2123
Contributions for all purposes,	$3858.08
Number of Sunday Schools,	808

*Denton church was composed of the members belonging to Tom's Creek church, before a mutual agreement to dissolve said church.

PROCEEDINGS.

HIGH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH, Guilford County, N. C.
August 23d, 1892.

The messengers from the various churches composing the Liberty Association, convened with this church to day.

At 11 o'clock a. m., the introductory sermon was delivered by Henry Sheets from Eccl. 11: 1.

At the close of which, Bro. J. K. Fant, the pastor, in behalf of the church and citizens of High Point, gave us a most cordial welcome to their city and to their homes. Bro. S. H. Thompson, of South Boston, Va., responded for the messengers and visitors, in a short, appropriate and appreciative speech. Then adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order when, Bro. W. R. Gwaltney read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed brethren R. D. Cross and D. R. Myers. as reading clerks. The letters were then handed in from the different churches and the names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Abbotts Creek—C. W. Davis, C. H. Teague, and N. R. Teague.
Denton—W. T. Tysinger and A. J. Buie.
Eldorado—Alfred Henderson, W. A. Russel and Lee W. Harris.
High Point—R. C. Charles, A. J. Dodamead and J. J. Farriss.
Holloway's—J. M. Prim, H. J. Palmer and W. F. Carrick.
Jackson's Creek—J. A. Barnes and J. T. Pierce,
Jersey—G. F. Smith, Sr., J. B. Palmer and A. J. Owen.
Kernersville—J. D. Lancaster.
Lexington—R. D. Cross, R. C. Maley and R. T. Hamner.
Liberty—A. S. Miller.
Lick Creek—B. S. Cole.
Marion—R. S. Green.
New Friendship—H. F. Motsinger, C. C. Sink and A. P. Snider.
Oak Hill—By Letter.

Pine M. House—E. W. Lassiter and W. W. Wilson.
Pleasant Grove—J. T. Bostick and H J. Barker.
Reed's X Roads—D. C. Craver, R. B. Myers and D. R. Myers.
Rich Fork—J. H. Mills and Charley Oetinger.
Summerville—By Letter.
Thomasville—H. Morton and C. G Strayhorn.

After the enrollment of messengers, the body proceeded at once to organize. On motion of Bro. Fant, all of the present officers were re-elected.

An invitation was then extended to newly organized churches, whereupon a petition from Denton Baptist church was handed in. The church was then received into our body, letter read and messengers enrolled.

A large number of visiting brethren were present representing various interests. They were invited to report themselves, and responded as follows: Bro. E. J. Edwards representing the North Carolina Baptist. Bro. W. R. Gwaltney, the Board of Education at Wake Forest College. Bro. S. F. Conrad of Pilot Mountain Association. Bro. S. C. Tapp from the Mt. Zion Association. Bro. J. C. Caddell of the Biblical Recorder and C. Durham, Cor. Sec. of Board of Missions.

These brethren were invited to seats on the floor.

Appointed 8 o'clock to-night for addresses on State Missions, by S. F. Conrad and C. Durham.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On State Missions: C. Durham and C. H. Teague.
" Foreign " Thos. Carrick and L. W. Harris.
" Home " J. M. Bennett and J. M. Prim.
" Education: W. R. Gwaltney and J. N. Stallings,
" Periodicals: J. M. Hilliard and J. A. Summey.
" Baptist Orphanage: J. H. Mills and G. F. Smith, Sr.
" Sunday Schools and Colportage: H. Morton and D. R. Myers.
" State of Religion and Temperance: J. J. Farriss and J. D. Lancaster.
" Obituaries: A. P. Snider and E. P. Lassiter.
" Finance: R. D. Cross and A. S. Miller.
" Religious Exercises: Pastor and Deacons of this Church.
" Place and Preacher for next session: C. W. Davis, B. C. Cole and G. W. Henderson-

TRANSACTION OF ROUTINE BUSINESS.

The present executive committee of this Association: to wit: Thomas Carrick, James Smith, C. W. Trice, A. P. Snider, and B. C. Cole were re-elected.

The brethren whose names follow, were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Thomas Carrick, N. W. Beeson, Henry Sheets, J. M. Hilliard, H. Morton, J. B. Richardson, G. M. Webb and J. K. Fant.

To the Southern Baptist convention: J. M. Bennett; alternate. Thos. Carrick.

On motion it was agreed to devote one hour, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, to periodicals; from 11 o'clock to 11:30 o'clock to the Baptist Orphanage; 11:30 o'clock to adjournment to be given to Education.

It was ordered to have printed and appended to these Minutes the record of the organization and first session of this body.

The Committee on place and preacher for next session reported as follows: We recommend Kernersville as the place, and Thos, Carrick as the preacher of the introductory sermon.

Recomendation adopted

Adjourned with benediction till 8 o'clock to night.

NIGHT SESSION.

After reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Bro. Thomas Carrick, the body was announced as ready for business.

The report on State Missions was discussed before a large congregation by Brothers Conrad and Durham. At the close of the discussion pledges were taken for next year's work. A cash collection was taken for this object, amounting to $6.25.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

For more than one hundred years the Baptists of this State have been engaged in State missions. Since the organization of the Baptist State Convention in 1830 this work has been enlarged from year to year to the present. There are now under appointment of the Board of missions more than one hundred brethren who are located in thirty-four out of the forty associations connected with the Convention. These are being greatly blessed in their work, and, perhaps, there never has been a time in the history of our people when this department was more important to us as a denomination. The Board by order of the Convention arranged its appointments and appropriations this year on the financial basis of seventeen thousand dollars.

We recommend.

1. That every church in this Association collect, so far as possible, the pledges made to this work between this time and December 1st.

2. That special efforts be made to interest every church member in this work and secure a contribution from each member for the same.

C. Durham,
C. H. Teague.

This report was discussed by brethren Durham, Carrick, Sheets and Delke.

The report was then adopted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING AUG. 24TH.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. S. H. Thompson.

A public collection was taken to defray the expenses of printing the minutes amounting io $3.45.

The regular order of business was suspended to consider the printing of the minutes. It was agreed to have 500 copies printed.

A motion prevailed, requesting that all titles of ministers be dropped from the minutes. Pending the motion to adopt the report on State Missions, speeches were made by Brethren Fant and Delke.

Bro. C. Durham read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

A religious newspaper is one of the best means of circulating religious literature among our people that we have, and as our people will read something, it is of the greatest importance that we have in every household a religious paper. We have four good religious newspapers published by the Baptist brethren in this State, and are all worthy of a place in every family, but we would call special attention to the "Biblical Recorder" having been the "Organ" of the Baptists of the State for over fifty years, and having always stood true to the principles of the denomination, we should never neglect the Recorder, for any paper while it remains true to our interests as baptists, and to the cause of Christ.

We would also commend Charity and Children to all of our brethren and sisters, as a paper worthy of their patronage. The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, should also be taken by our people so that we may know of the Lord's cause in our own land and in other lands.

J. M. Hilliard, } Com.
John A. Summey, }

Speeches were made by J. C. Caddell, J. K. Fant and S. F. Conrad. Pending the motion to adopt, the further discussion of the report was deferred till 2:30 o'clock this p. m., in order to devote half an hour to the Baptist Orphanage. The time was occupied by songs and recitations by some of the orphans. After which a collection was taken for same amounting to $10.74.

The report on education was read by Bro. J. C. Caddell.

EDUCATION.

Your committee on education respectfully urge our people to educate all their children to the very best of their ability. It is a matter of such transcendant importance that every opportunity should be utelized. It is criminal to neglect it. No sacrifice is too great to successfully accomplish it.

Our Wake Forest College, as good as the best, should receive the patronage of all our young men who can possibly prepare and go to college. Our female colleges at Murfresboro, Oxford and High Point are the equal of any schools in the State for the education of females, and should receive the support of our people. We especially recommend High Point Female College to the members of our Association as deserving their patronage.

J. N. Stallings.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of education was organized to give aid to young men called of God to the ministry, approved by their churches. and hundreds of young men have been helped and now gone out into this and other states, and into China and Africa in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. No agency employed by our convention has done more to advance the cause of truth and life up and given prestige and power to our denomination than this board. A large majority of the best preachers and pastors in the state, were our beneficiaries. The Board aided forty-two last years More than seventy have asked for help next year, but we see our way open to adopt only thirty for next year. We owe a debt on last years work, and cannot undertake to carry more than thirty until the debt is paid. We have had to say to more than forty, "we cannot help you," and these are all highly recommended, for the most part by men of character whom we know. Brethren, help us do this work which God has been so signally blessing for more than a half a century.

W. R. Gwaltney.

A speech was made by Bro. W. R. Gwaltney, at the close of which, the further consideration of the subject was postponed till 2:15 o'clock this p. m.

Adjourned till after dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY AUG. 24TH.

The house called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Henderson. Bro. J. K. Fant spoke in the interest of aid to Bro. F. L. Fiddler who is seeking an education in order to better prepare himself to preach the gospel.

Private pledges were made for this purpose amounting to $14.00

The report on education was again taken up and a speech made by Bro. J. N. Stallings.

Adopted.

Bro. E. Frost of South Yadkin Association was recognized and invited to a seat.

The subject of Periodicals was again taken up and discussed by Bro. E. Frost,

Special order to night at 8:15 o'clock, is Foreign Missions

It was agreed to take a collection between now and December 1st to "aid our colored brethren in mission work and ministerial education."

Home missions to be considered to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Brethren Thos. Carrick and S. H. Thompson to speak.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

There was no written report on this subject, but was reported upon verbally. Speeches were made by brethren Carrick, Conrad and Bennett. Pledges were then taken for Colportage. After the churches were pledged, the following brethren pledged themselves $5.00 each. Henry Sheets, J. M. Bennett, James Smith, Thos. Carrick, J. K. Fant, R. C. Charles, A. J. Dodamead, J. M. Prim, H. Morton. Total $45.00.

The following pledged $1.00 each: W. F. Carrick, G. M. Webb.

Report adopted.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to night. Benediction by Bro. Morton.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AUG. 24TH.

Religious services led by Bro. D. B. Rickard.

Called to order.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Carrick.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christianity is through and through a missionary religion, therefore the mission spirit is one of the essential features of the gospel.

There has been and is yet much opposition to the Foreign Mission work. This opposition may grow out of two causes, selfishness or a want of information. Peter had to be convinced by a vision that the gospel was to be preached to the gentiles.

One hundred years ago there were warm advocates of the Foreign mission work, but many denounced it as absurd. Yet Carey and others undertook the work of giving the gospel to the heathen. This is the centennial year of Modern Foreign Missions and we ought to lay larger plans and undertake to accomplish more than ever before. Our fore-fathers were heathens, and some body brought them the gospel, and we ought to show our appreciation by sending the gospel to others. We need more money and more men for this department of christian effort than ever before. New fields are opening and should be occupied for the Master Seven-tenths of the worlds population yet in heathenism to say nothing of the millions of Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics and others who do not preach the gospel in its purity. Eight hundred and fifty millions of human beings yet unevangelized, more than thirteen times the population of the United States.

Soldiers of Christ we have no time to stack arms and rest on laurels already won. Let us have the faith of Carey and others who undertook this stupendous work of carrying the gospel to the nations one hundred years ago.

Let us hear and obey the marching orders of the Captain of our salvation when he says "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." THOS. CARRICK.

Able addresses on this report were delivered before a large audience by Brethren W. R. Gwaltney and C Durham.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Lord has taught us that "the field is the world." Our Home Mission Board is endeavoring to give the Gospel to a vast portion of this field including the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba.

We can truthfully say that this is one of the most hopeful and worthy objects before our people, and should be more liberally supported. In considering the grand success of this department of our work, and the Lord's abundant blessings upon it, we therefore recommend that all the churches enlarge their pledges to this most worthy object.

J. M. PRIM. }
J. M. BENNETT. } Com.

Bro. S. H. Thompson spoke on the report, after which, it was adopted.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 25TH.

Religious services by Bro. G. M. Webb. After the body was called to order, Bro. Thos. Carrick submitted the Treasurer's report.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Minute Fund	Colportage	
THOMASVILLE					50		50
JACKSON'S CREEK	1.00	60			65		2.25
ABBOTT'S CREEK	12.00	2.50	2.00	2.87	1.75		21 12
LEXINGTON				1.50	4.05	20	5.75
REEDS X ROADS					1.00		1.00
KERNERSVILLE					1.05		1 05
LIBERTY	1.00	1.00	30		40		2.70
RICH FORK	2.00	2.00	2.00	2 00	57		8.57
HOLLOWAY'S	10 00	5.00		2.27	2.00		19.27
HIGH POINT					2.00		2.00
JERSEY					1.05		1.05
DENTON	30	1.00	1.00	20	1.25		3.75
SUMMERVILLE	75	1.00	2.00	1.00	59		5.35
PLEASANT GROVE					65		65
PINEY M. HOUSE	11.10	3.33	5.00	3,96	3.10		26.49
NEW FRIENDSHIP				1.50	3.00		4.50
MARION					25		25
ELDORADO	1.36	1.00	1.00	2.00	65		6.01
LICK CREEK	7.10	3.15	1.00	2.00	1.50	1.40	16.75
OAK HILL					70		70
PUB. COLLECTION	6.25				3.45		9 69
COL. BAP. OR							10.74
TOTALS	$52.86	$20.58	$14.30	$19.30	$30.16	$1.60	

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

To amount for State Missions,	$232.77
" " Foreign "	72.68
" " Home "	43.10
" " Education,	82 04
" " Orphanage,	17.65
" " Sunday Schools	1.73
" " Colportage	40.28
" " Minute Fund	23.15
" " Aged Ministers Relief Fund	4.37
" " Cuban House	16.46
	$534.23

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid on State Missions	$179.87	
" " Foreign "	48.55	
" " Home "	38.90	
" " Education	33.01	
" " Orphanage.	17.65	
" " Sunday Schools	1.73	
" " Colportage	34,84	
" " Minute Fund	23.15	
" " Aged Ministers Relief Fund	4.37	
" " Cuban House	15.31	
	$397.38	
Balance on hand,		$136.85

THOS. CARRICK, Treasurer.

Bro. J. D. Lancaster read the following:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION AND TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We are very much gratified to see the large attendance of delegates from the different churches of the Association which we take as an evidence of increased interest and enthusiasm in the work generally. But while this is true there seems to be a delinquency or neglect on the part of a few of the churches in coming forward with amounts pledged to the various objects of our Convention, while several of them have done nobly even going beyond the amounts pledged.

Again, Baptists are known as a giving people, and it seems to your Committee in order to come up to the standard practiced by the denomination and commanded by the Scriptures we should largely increase our pledges to all objects.

The question of temperance is one which concerns us all. It is one of the greatest of foes to the Lord's work, as well as to individuals. It is doing much to hinder the cause of Christ and we feel that it is the duty of all christians to use all means within their power to check this monster.

And while we believe that no man who is a follower of Jesus Christ should in any way engage in the manufacture, sale or use of alcoholic liquors, as a beverage, we also hold that the license system whereby our government is granting to men the right to commit sin for a price should be abolished and that we as christians should use all the powers that God has given us to the end that this evil may be suppressed.

J. J. Farriss. }
J. D. Lancaster. } Com.

Short speeches were made by brethren Fant, Sheets, Bennett, Thompson, Lancaster and Durham. It was then adopted as amended.

The following was a verbal

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

None of our officers, ministers or active workers have been called away by death since our last Association. While this is true many families in our body have been sundered by death.

A. P. Snider. }
E. W. Lassiter. } Com.

Adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the following, in regard to indigent ministers, be inserted:

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF.

The Baptist State Convention has created a board, located at Durham. Brother C. A. Woodson, Secretary, whose duty it is to collect funds and supply the wants of any indigent and aged Baptist ministers in the bounds of our Convention. We commend the work of this board to the churches of this Association We are glad to note that there are no destitute ministers in this Association.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED. That, the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the High Point church and citizens of the town for their hospitality in so bountifully providing for us during our stay with them.

This was a harmonious session; and as profitable as it was harmonious. The brethren "had a mind to work." Long will we all remember this pleasant meeting.

After we sang the song "God be with you till we meet again" the benediction was pronounced and we took the parting hand. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator. HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1892.

Churches.	Clerk's.	Clerk's P. O.		Added.				Lost.							
				Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Total.	Dis'd by Letter.	Exclu'd.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Tot'l Membership.	Sabbaths of Meeting.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg	N. C.	3	1		4	7		3	10	44	90	134	3d
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton,	" "	4	1		5					16	26	42	2nd
ElDorado	Lee W. Harris	Eldorado,	" "					11	1	2	14	27	59	86	2nd
High Point	J. J. Farriss	High Point,	" "	16	25		41	7		2	9	52	88	140	1,2,3,4
Holloway's	J. I. Stoner	Silver Hill,	" "	8		1	9	7	3	3	13	56	115	171	2nd
Jackson's Creek	S. M. Barnes	Lytton,	" "	7	2		9		2		2	27	50	77	3d
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood,	" "	24	1	3	28	1	6		7	59	65	124	3d
Kernersville	Geo. Lancaster	Oak Ridge,	" "	17			17		1		1	16	33	49	2nd
Lexington	R. T. Hamner	Lexington,	" "	14	7		21	14	1		15	69	91	160	2d. 4th
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Hannersville,	" "					1	2		3	63	116	179	4th
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole	Bringle's,	" "	2			2	2	1	1	4	53	69	122	4th
Marion	R. S. Green	Lexington.	" "					1			1	9	10	19	4th
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	Salem,	" "	7	2		9		2	2	4	52	94	146	4th
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore,	" "		4		4		1	1	2	9	21	30	
Pine M. House	W. W. Wilson	Sapona,	" "	33	4		37	3		2	5	119	173	292	1st, 3d
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Wilson	Randleman,	" "	8	4		12		1	1	2	18	30	48	1st, 3d
Reeds X Roads	D. R. Myers	Michael,	" "	14			14	4	2	2	8	48	80	128	1st
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard	Thomasville.	" "					23	2		25	27	52	79	4th
Summerville	W. S. Adderton	Denton	" "	3		1	4		2	2	4	23	47	70	1st
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn	Thomasville,	" "	5	2		7					8	19	27	
Oak Hill & Thomasville did not report time of preaching.				165	53	5	223	81	27	21	129	795	1328	2123	

PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1893.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Colportage	Total
Abbott's Creek	$12.	$ 2.50	$ 2 .	$ 3.50	$ 2.	$22
Denton	2.	1.	1.	1.	1.	6.
ElDorado	3.	2.	1.	2.	.....	8.
High Point	30.	25.	10.	15.	5	85.
Holloway's	20.	10.	4.	10.	2.50	46.50
Jackson's Creek	2.	1.	....	1.	.....	4.
Jersey	25.	15.	5.	10.	6.	61.
Kernersville	15.	5.	3.	6.	2.	31.
Lexington	50.	25.	20.	25.	10.	130.
Liberty	5.	5.	2.	2.	1.	15.
Lick Creek	12.	5.	2.50	3.	2.	24 50
Marion	2.	.. ...	....	......	.....	2.
New Friendship	20.	12.	7.	10.	4.	53.
Oak Hill	2.	.....	....	... ..	.....	2.
Pine M. House	30.	12.	4.	10.	5.	61.
Pleasant Grove	2.	5.	1.	1.	1.	10.
Reeds X Roads	20.	10.	2.50	5.	2.50	40.
Rich Fork	3.	2.	1.	2.	1.	9.
Summerville	2.	1.	....	1.	.....	4.
Thomasville	2.	1.	....	1.	.....	4.
Welch's Arbor	3.	1.	1.	1.	1.	7.
Union Meeting	40.	......	....	10.	.....	50.
Totals	$302.00	$140.50	$67.00	$119.50	$46 00	$675.00

OFFICIAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPT'S	SUPT'S P. O.	Officers & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Vol's in Library	Quar't and p'p'rs taken	School Ex.
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague	Abbott's Creek	9	68	77	57	$ 6 50
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton	6	30	36	20	75
ElDorado	No school	reported					
High Point	A. J. Dodamead	High Point	10	75	50	100	50 00
Holloway's	J. A. Carrick	Fairmount	5	35		45	2 50
Jackson's Creek	S. M. Barnes	Lytton	5	35		37	1 00
Jersey	J. D. Palmer	Linwood	2	25			1 11
Kernersville	J. F. Lancaster	Oak Ridge	7	68		78	9 00
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington	8	65		180	35 11
Liberty	A. S. Miller	Hannersville	7	45	100	40	2 25
Lick Creek	H. G. Crook	Pool	7	40		45	2 69
Marion	No report	of school					
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	Salem	7	65		65	10 00
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore	3	15		10	1 00
Pine M. House	No school	reported					
Pleasant Grove	H. J. Barker	Randleman	7	35	40	45	9 00
Reeds X Roads	Jeff Lanning	Lexington	8	70	72	30	1 15
Rich Fork	Wm Bowers	Jimes	6	40		25	2 40
Summerville	No school	reported					
Thomasville	No school	reported					
Total			97	711	375	777	134 46

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1892.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTORS P O	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Colportage	Orphanage	Pastor's Salary	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Grand Total
ABBOTT'S CREEK	J. N. Stallings	High Point	$12.	$ 2.50	2.	$ 2.87		$	$100.	$1 75	27.25	$148.37
DENTON	H. Morton	Thomasville	2	1.	1.	.20			75	1.25	160 90	241.35
ELDORADO	J. A. Summey	Hannersville	3 29	1.	1.	2.			40.	.65	17.	64 94
HIGH POINT	J. K. Fant	High Point	32.	20.	11 20	20.80	5	20.	500.	2	175.35	786.35
HOLLOWAY'S.	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee	15.	8.	4.	4 33			100.	2.	6.60	139 93
JACKSON'S CREEK	H. Morton	Thomasville	1.50	.55	.55				50.	.65	10.40	63 65
JERSEY	Thos. Carrick	Lexington	25.	10.	5.	10.	6.		150.	1.05	18.40	225.45
KERNERSVILLE	Henry Sheets	Lexington	12.	6.81	3.38	5.	2.		55.	1.05	10.	95.24
LEXINGTON	Thos Carrick	Lexington	50.	20.	19 51	25.	6.46	66,77	300.	4.05	167.38	659.17
LIBERTY	H. Morton	Thomasville	1.	1.	.30				50.	.40	13.82	66.52
LICK CREEK	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee	12.	5.	1.	2.	40		100.	1.50	15.	136.90
MARION	Sup, by Thos. Carrick	Lexington								.25		.25
NEW FRIENDSHIP	Henry Sheets	Lexington	16.	10.	6.	10.	3.		100.	3.	66.	214.
OAK HILL	H. Morton	Thomasville							50.	.70		50.70
PINE M. HOUSE	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee	26.10	7.	5.	7.76		16 47	200.	3.10	41 99	307.42
PLEASANT GROVE	G. M. Webb	Randleman	2.95	16.15				7.50	100.	.65	53 50	180.75
REEDS X ROADS	Thos. Carrick	Lexington	18.	10.	5.	5.	2.50		125.	1.	11.20	177.70
RICH FORK	J. A. Summey	Hannersville	2.	2.	2.	2.			50.	.57	41,25	99.82
SUMMERVILLE	A P. Stoker	Denton	4.05	1.	2.					.59	8.	15.64
THOMASVILLE	Sup by J. M. Hilliard	Thomasville		2.86					19 87	.50	5.27	28 50
Collections for the work	during Asso. See report	Finance Com.										20.43
Paid for S. S. work dur	ing Associational year.											135.46
TOTALS			234.89	124.87	68.94	96.96	25.36	110.74	2164.87	26.71	849.31	3858.54

MINUTES

OF THE

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

Liberty Baptist Association,

AT

Mt. Tabor M. H., Randolph County, N. C.,

SEPTEMBER 24*th*, 1832.

ALSO

Of the First Session

HELD AT

Jamestown Guilford County, N. C.

17, 18, *and* 19, *of* *NOVEMBER*, 1832.

MINUTES

Of the Organization of the Liberty Baptist Association.

Minutes of the Liberty Association convened at Mount Tabor Meeting House, Randolph county, N. C., on the 24th day of September, A. D., 1832.

After prayer by Elder Jesse Sowell.

On motion William Burch was appointed Moderator, and Bro. Peter Owen, Clerk.

A committee was appointed consisting of Elders John Culpepper, William Burch and brother Peter Owen to draft the reasons of the split in the Abbott's Creek Union Association.

Letters from the different churches called for and read. Messengers names enrolled and their state minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGER'S NAMES.	Numbers.	Contributions.
Lick Creek,	Elder Eli Carroll, John Adderton. and Jacob Goss,	11	$1.00
Jersey Settlement	Josiah Wiseman, George and Humphrey Owen,	68	.60
Abbott's Creek,	William Raper, Alex. Thomas and Davis Raper,	13	.50
Tom's Creek,	Elder Jesse Sowell, James Brown and Benj. Lanier,	16	.75
Jamestown,	Elder Wm. Burch, Isaac Beeson and David Idol,	9	.50
Liberty,	Peter Owen, Joshua Lee and Philip Copple,	27	1 25
Holloway's,	Thomas Hatcher and Christopher Hedrick:	15	.80
TOTAL,		159	$5.40

1st. This Association shall be called the Liberty Association.

2nd. Called for corresponding messengers: Elders Eli Philips and Lane Hudson from Sandy Creek with minutes: Elder John Culpepper from Pedee with minutes being rejected by the majority was received by us.

3rd. Appointed a Committee or Finance, brethren Raper and Lanier.

4th. Corresponding Messengers appointed to the following Associations: To the Yadkin, Elder Carroll and Peter Owen; To the Pedee, Benjamin Lanier and John Adderton; To Sandy Creek, Elder William Burch and Davis Raper; To the Raleigh, Elder Jesse Sowell and James Brown; To the Cape Fear, Elder Jesse Sowell and Josiah Wiseman.

5th. The Committee appointed to draft the reasons of the division in the Abbott's Creek Union Association reported and their report received and ordered to be annexed to these minutes.

6TH. The Committee of Finance reported six dollars and forty cents contributed by the churches.

7TH. Our next Association to be at Jamestown on the Saturday before the third Lord's day in November next. Elder Eli Carroll appointed to preach the introductory sermon and in case of failure, Elder Jesse Sowell.

8TH. Appointed Davis Raper to superintend the printing of these minutes.

The Association rose Prayer by Elder Burch.

PETER OWEN,
Clerk.

ELDER WILLIAM BURCH,
Moderator.

NOTE:—The foregoing record tells of the organization of the Liberty Association. It was a part of the Abbott's Creek Union Association (now anti-missionary.)

There were a great many churches and several Associations that have been missionary in spirit ever since their organization; which was long before the "split" and they never divided. But in the Abbott's Creek Union, those favoring missions, Sunday Schools. etc., were in the minority. And so in the Association in 1832, they were ruled out and went out (says Elder B. Lanier who was present) into a large tent and organized. H. S.

MINUTES

Of the Liberty Association Convened at Jamestown, Guilford County, N. C., on the 17th, 18th and 19th Days of November, 1832.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 1832.

1ST. The Association sermon was delivered by brother George W. Parifoy. from the 1st Epistle of Peter 4th chapter, 18 verse: "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear."

2ND. After sermon the Association convened, Elder Burch prayed at the opening of business.

3RD. Letters from the several churches were called for and read. Members names enrolled and their state minuted as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Baptized.	Received.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excommunicated.	Dead.	Numbers.	Contributions.
Lick Creek,	Elder Eli Carroll, John Parks and Dempsy Parks.	13	0	0	0	0	1	34	$ .97½
Jersey Settlement,	Josiah Wiseman, Humphrey Owen, Richard Owen.	5	0	2	0	0	1	68	1.15
Abbott's Creek,	Alex. Thomas, Joseph Spurgecn, Wm. Raper.	3	1	0	1	0	0	18	1.57½
Tom's Creek,	Elder Jesse Sowell, Benj. Lanier, James Brown.	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	1.20
Jamestown,	Elder Wm. Burch, Isaac Beeson, David Idol.	0	0	0	0	0	0	09	1.25
Liberty,	Peter Owen, John Fine, Wm. Owen.	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	1.50
Holloway's,	Christopher Headrick, Thos. Hatcher.	2	1	0	0	0	0	17	.50
	A friend to Zion contributed,								.25
	A friend to Zion contributed,								.25
		23	2	3	1	0	2	188	$8.60

4TH. Elected by ballot, William Burch Moderator and Peter Owen, Clerk.

5th. Corresponding Messengers: From the Yadkin Association, Paul Phifer; from the Raleigh Association, George W. Purifoy; from the Sandy Creek Association, Levi Anders, James Hedden and David Patterson.

6TH. Invited ministering brethren to sit with us.

7TH. Elected by ballot Paul Phifer, George W. Purifoy, and Jesse Sowell to preach to-morrow—worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

8TH. Appointed a select committee, consisting of Paul Phifer, George W. Purifoy, Josiah Wiseman, Eli Carroll and Isaac Beeson with the Moderator and Clerk to arrange the business of the Association and prepare a Constitution and Rules of Decorum for the government of the same and report on Monday.

9TH. Committee of Finance: Joseph Spurgeon and James Brown.

10TH. After prayer by Levi Anders, adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 1832.

11TH. Met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Eli Carroll. Proceeded to business.

12TH. Committee of Arrangements reported and presented the following Constitution and Rules of Decorum for the government of this Association when in session which were read and adopted and ordered to be printed with these minutes and Committee discharged.

13TH. Committee of Finance reported that they found in the hands of Joseph Spurgeon $1.90; received from the churches $8.25; from individuals 45 cents; total $10.60. Report received and Committee discharged.

14TH. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report. Report satisfactory.

15TH. The circular letter dispensed with in consequence of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum being attached to these minutes.

16TH. Appointed Peter Owen to prepare a circular to be attached to next minutes.

17TH. Appointed Corresponding Messengers to the following

Associations: To the Yadkin, Josiah Wiseman and Joseph Spurgeon; to Pedee, Joseph Spurgeon and Benjamin Lanier; to Sandy Creek, William Burch and Isaac Beeson; to Raleigh, Jesse Sowell and James Brown; to Country Line, William Burch and David Idol; to Brier Creek, Jesse Sowell and Peter Owen; to to Tar River, Jesse Sowell and James Brown.

18TH Appointed Peter Owen to superintend the printing of these minutes, 400 copies in number and distribute them among the churches of this Union.

19TH. Appointed the next Association at Holloway's meeting house, Davidson commence Saturday before the second Lord's day in November next. Our Associations to be held after the one above named commencing Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day in August in each yea.r Josiah Wiseman to preach the introductory sermon, Jesse Sowell his alternate,

20TH. Appointed communion meetings at the following places: at Abbott's Creek commencing Friday before the third Lord's day in May next. At Tom's Creek, Friday before the first Lord's day in March next. At Jersey Settlement commencing Friday before the third Lord's day in July next. At Liberty commencing Friday before the second Lord's day in August next. And we earnestly solicit our brethren and sisters to endeavor generally to attend these meetings; and especially ministering brethren and exhorters.

21ST. Appointed Peter Owen, Treasurer.

22ND. Resolved, That the Clerk purchase an Association book and transcribe all the proceedings of this Association from its commencement and report to us at our next Association and we pay him for his labor.

23RD. This Association unanimously present this neighborhood with their thanks for the kindness, hospitality and respect with which its members and friends have been treated ever since the commencement of the meeting.

24TH. After an impressive exhortation by George W. Purifoy, the meeting of the Association was closed by singing, and prayer by George W. Purifoy.

PETER OWEN, Clerk.

WILLIAM BURCH, Moderator.

NOTE:—In the organization of this Association, a Committee of three, consisting of John Culpepper, Wm. Burch and Peter Owen, was appointed to draft the reasons of the "split."

The reasons were presented in MS. and "received and ordered to be annexed to the minutes." But the record of the organization and of the first session held at Jamestown, N. C., were never printed. And hence, in order to preserve these records from oblivion, they are hereby printed. The reasons of the "split" or division between the Baptists as reported to the Association, were much enlarged by the addition of some most interesting and valuable history.

The Reasons of the split are appended hereto.

HENRY SHEETS.

THE REASONS OF THE SPLIT.

The Ministers and Messengers, Composing the Liberty Baptist Association, to the Churches They Represent.

Dear Brethren:—The subject on which we address you at this time, is the origin and history of our own body; in order to give you a correct history of the origin, the rise and progress of our Association, we must resort to the history of the Sandy Creek Association; of which we were a component part, until that body was divided, and we were attached to the southern division of it, which was called the Pee Dee Association; and also a brief history of the Pee Dee Association, until 1815, when the Sandy Creek and the Pee Dee Associations were sub-divided, and the Abbott's Creek Association, formed of the western parts of the two bodies. The Sandy Creek church, the oldest in the Association, originated in the following manner: Shubal Stearns, a native of Boston, Mass., who after laboring for some time among the Independents, in 1751 embraced Baptist sentiment, and was baptized by Wait Palmer, and ordained the same year in Tolland, Conn. Listening to the instructions of heaven as he esteemed them; conceived himself called upon by the Almighty to move to the westward, to execute a great and extensive work. In 1754 and with a few of his friends, took his leave of New England, and travelled to Berkley in Virginia; and thence to Guilford county, N. C., where he took up his permanent residence. Benedict informs us, as soon as they arrived, they built them a little meeting house, and 16 of them, formed themselves into a church, and chose Shubal Stearns for their pastor, who had for his assistants, Daniel Marshall and Joseph Breed, neither of whom were ordained.

In process of time, some of its inhabitants became converts, and bowed obedience to the Redeemer's sceptre: these uniting their labors with the others, a powerful and extensive work commenced, and Sandy Creek church was soon swelled from 16 to 106 members.

Abbott's Creek church was soon constituted, and Daniel Marshall was chosen their pastor. Benedict says: From Sandy

Creek went the word and great was the company of them who published it.

This church has spread her branches westward, to the great Mississippi, southward as far as Georgia, eastward to the sea and Chesapeake Bay, and northward to the waters of the Potomac.

In the year 1758, a few churches having been constituted, and these having a number of branches, which were fast maturing for churches; Stearns conceived that an association of delegates from all, would have a tendency to forward the great object of their exertions. For this purpose he visited each church and congregation and explained to them his contemplated plan, and induced them to send delegates to his meeting house and in January 1758, an Association was formed, which was called Sandy Creek, and which continues to the present time.

This Association has experienced many vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity, and from this old Association, churches have been raised up which have become component parts of several large and flourishing bodies in several States.

In 1815 at an Association held at Rocky Spring, M. H., commencing the 28th of October, 1815, the Association took into consideration the propriety of dividing the Association into two Associations, and resolved that it be divided, and that all the churches on the south-west side of Deep river, shall compose the new Association, to be known as the Pee Dee.

The said Sandy Creek Association did, at the said session, held at Rocky Spring, resolve to send Robert T. Daniel and Robert Ward, as messengers to the general meeting of Correspondence, and send two dollars. They also appointed Robert T. Daniel, Corresponding Secretary to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions of the United, (I suppose that States is meant.) Elder Bennett Solomon, reported that he attended the General Meeting of Correspondence according to appointment.

The Association appointed Elders John Culpepper and Bennet Solomon Messengers from the Pee Dee Association, to the GeneralMeeting ofCorrespondence and we contribute two dollars. They also resolved to pay EldersCulpepper and Solomon, five dollars each, for attending the General Meeting of Correspondence.

The Pee Dee Association, into which most of the churches of our body were arranged by the division, met at Richland M. H., Montgomery county, on the 19th, 20th and 21st days of October, 1816; when the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. Culpepper, and J. Culpepper was chosen Moderator, and William Dowd, Clerk,

They adopted Rules of Decorum for the government of the Association, and being actuated by the same missionary spirit, or zeal for the Lord of Hosts and love for immortal souls which actuated Shubal Stearns and his brethren, and diffused itself through the parent Associations at their first session, resolved to appoint J.Culpepper aCorresponding Secretary to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions and Messenger to the General Meeting of Correspondence. Like the parent Association, his experienced many vicissitudes of prosperity and adversity, but continued to increase in members and churches, until the year 1825 when the division took place, and the Abbott's Creek Association was formed and since that period she has travelled on nearly as formally, and increased in members until September 1832, when at a session held at Mount Tabor in Randolph county, an unfortunate division was affected in the following manner:

After the introductory sermon was delivered, the Messengers retired to the house, when Isaiah Spurgeon took the chair as Moderator, The letters were then called for, and two were presented purporting to be from Lick Creek church; the clerk read the letter from the majority, claiming to be the church in which they named Messengers, and in instructed them not to sit with any persons who were advocates of the Baptist State Convention.

Isaiah Spurgeon then arose and said he was inexperienced in the duties of the chair, and remarked that two letters were presented from Lick Creek, and as it was new to him, he asked advice from such as were more experienceed than himself. Elder J. Culpepper proposed for them to receive and read the letters from the undivided churches, and then the Association would be competent and could decide which should be received and the minority, if necessary, may retire. Elder Ashley Swaim and others objected to this course, and after considerable debate, it was decided in the negative.

The Moderator then proposed that the members said to be excluded, should retire to their respective churches, and make their acknowledgements and that the Association appoint a committee to labor with them. William Burch objected to it and the question being taken, was decided in the negative. William Spurgeon then proposed that the Association should advise, and the churches call for help and labor with the divided churches and try to bring about a reconciliation. Ashley Swaim, Solomon Snider, Philip Snider and others objected to the proposition, which was rejected.

The Rules of Decorum were then called for and after they were read, Ashley Swaim said the last rule forbid the Association to interfere with the affairs of an independent church and stated that from Eli Carroll's acknowledgement, it was evident that he, and the members which stood with him, had withdrawn from the church, and the church should be received.

Eli Carroll said the majority had declared all who held with the Bible Societies, the Missionary Society or the Sabbath School, were out of their fellowship, and they withdrew, to avoid being excluded. J. Culpepper said he rejoiced that the subject had assumed a tangible shape, so that if the minority had to retire, it could be distinctly ascertained on what grounds we were induced to retire.

The N. C. Baptist State Convention had been frequently-named and objected to.

J. Culpepper explained the objects of the Convention to be first to encourage itinerant preaching and supply the destitute churches in our State with preaching. Secondly, to afford assistance to our Baptist brethren in Birmah and help them to supply the Birmans who were applying to them for directions how to escape an eternal hell and to obtain a knowledge of the eternal God, before they die, with the word of God.

Thirdly, to aid our poor young ministers in the attainment of learning and biblical knowledge. Jesse Sowell said, the ground on which he was disowned by the majority of the Tom's Creek church was, that he had given one dollar to aid the Birman mission and attended the Baptist State Convention and call on the majority to say if they had ever charged him with any immoral conduct.

Isaiah Spurgeon said he had no fellowship with any of these institutions and expressed a hope that all who held with him would proceed. James Brown asked him if in his declaration he designed to include those who held with these institutions? He answered: we can not serve God and Mammon and he who is not for us is against us, and said he could not fellowship any person who held with these institutions.

The question was then put, and decided in the affirmative. Some of the minority said, if they could not sit with any person who held with the Bible Society, the Missionary Society or the Sabbath School, we may retire, and we shall do it with satisfaction.

The majority expressed a hope that we would retire and trouble them no more. We retired, and the majority proceeded to read their Letters and appointed their preachers to the entire exclusion of the minority and the Corresponding Messengers.

When the churches and parts of churches disowned by the majority of the Association, as the last and to them the only remaining resort, formed themselves into an Association called the Liberty Association, which at first numbered but 159 members. They met again at Jamestown, Guilford county, N. C., on the 17th, 18th and 19th of November, 1832, when they numbered 188.

Their next session was held at Holloway's M. H., in Davidson county, on the 9th, 10th and 11th days of November, 1833, when their numbers had increased to 270. Since that period, the good hand of our God, as we trust, has been upon us, and Zion's ends in this part of our Lord's vineyard, has been lengthened, and her stakes strengthened. We have received by baptism 307, and our present number is 570.

The above, was reported and incorporated with the minutes of the session held at Abbott's Creek in 1834. Several of our old church records of that date tell us much the same story. While the anti-Mission Baptists were in the majority in this particular Association, there were several Associations that never divided at all. They were missionary before the "split" and continue so to this present time. The Liberty Association is carrying on mission work just as our Baptist brethren did befere the anti-mission (or Hard Shell) Baptists split off from us. G. W. Purifoy tells us in his history of the Sandy Creek Association (page 59) that only about one-fifth of the Baptists left us in the division. The Baptists, commonly known as Missionary, are therefore without the shadow of a doubt, the Old Baptists. Any one at all, who knows anything about the history of the denomination during the period from 1825 to 1835, knows that we are the Trunk and all others have gone out from us.

HENRY SHEETS.

August 29th, 1892.

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixtieth Annual Session

OF

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

KERNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Forsyth County, N. C.

August 22, 23, and 24, 1893.

OFFICERS.

Moderator: JAMES SMITH, Lexington, N. C.
Clerk. HENRY SHEETS, Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer: THOMAS CARRICK, Lexington, N. C.

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Holloway's Church, Davidson County, N. C., twelve miles south from Lexington. Will meet on Tuesday before 4th Sabbath in August, 1894.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Adderton, W. S.	Denton,	North	Carolina.
Bennett, J. M.	Jubilee,	"	"
Carrick, Thomas.	Lexington,	"	"
Fant, J. K.	High Point,	"	"
*Hall, S. W.	Thomasville,	"	"
Hamner, W. H.	Lexington,	"	"
Henderson, G. W.	Blaine,	"	"
Hilliard, J. M.	Thomasville,	"	"
Lancaster, J. F.	Oak Ridge,	"	"
Leach, M. J.	Prim,	"	"
Morton, H.	Thomasville,	"	"
Newton, J. D.	Thomasville,	"	"
Pugh, J. M.	Randleman,	"	"
Richardson, J. B.	High Point,	"	"
Sheets Henry.	Lexington,	"	"
Stallings, J. N.	Low Gap.	"	"
Stoker, A. P.	Denton,	"	"
Summey, J. A.	Hannersville,	"	"
Webb G. M.	Randleman.	"	"

LICENTIATES.

Jefferson Lanning, D. R. Myers, Daniel B. Rickard and R. D. Cross.

*S. W. Hall came to us from the Yadkin Association, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thomas Carrick, James Smith, A. P. Snider, C. W. Trice, B. C. Cole.

Churches in the Association	22
Represented by delegates 18. By letter 3	21
(Oak Hill was not represented.)	
New churches received at this session	2
Delegates allowed in the body	66
Delegates present	38
Churches without Sunday Schools	6
Sunday Schools in Association	15
Sunday School scholars	1112
Total membership of Liberty Association	2292
Contributions for all purposes	$4,109.60
Baptized this year	213

PROCEEDINGS.

KERNERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Forsyth County, N. C.
August 22nd, 1893.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Bro. R. T. Bryan our missionary to China, preached the introductory sermon from Matt.,11: 28, "Come unto me all ye that labor" etc. Then adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m., for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. C. Durham read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

The Moderator then announced the body ready for business.

The letters were called for and delegates enrolled:

Abbott's Creek: C. W. Davis, D. S. Hayworth and M. A. Tesh.

Denton: Represented by letter.

ElDorado: W. A. Russell Jr.

High Point: A. C. Jones.

Holloway's: H. J. Palmer, John F. Carrick and John A. Carrick.

Jackson's Creek: C. F. Pierce and J. A. Barnes.

Jersey: J. B. Palmer and Z. T. Sharp.

Kernersville: W. J. Willis, W. J. Hooker and B. A. Brown.

Lexington: Jacob Tate, H. P. Gallimore and D. B. Rickard.

Liberty: D. H. Hepler.

Lick Creek: H. G. Crook and M. C. Park.

Marion: Represented by letter.

New Friendship: Andrew Sink, Charles Mendenhall and S. A. Hege Sr.

Oak Hill: Not represented.

Pine Meeting House: E. W. Lassiter, R. K. Williams and W. W. Wilson.

Piny Grove: P. N. Motsinger and George B. Motsinger.

Pleasant Grove: H. G. Collins.

Reed's Cross Roads: J. H. Walser, Jefferson Craver and Eli Jenkins.

Rich Fork: J. F. Clinard and E. B. Fitzgerald.

Summerville: T. H. Davis and Thomas Davis.

Thomasville: Represented by letter.

Thomasville Baptist Orphanage Church: S. W. Hall.

After enrollment of delegates the body proceeded to the election of officers:

Bro. James Smith was re-elected Moderator and Henry Sheets Clerk.

Bro. Thomas Carrick was also re elected Treasurer.

The Moderator gave an invitation to visiting brethren which was accepted by brethren—R. T. Bryan one of the missionaries to China; Bro. J. C. Caddell representing the Biblical Recorder; Bro. C. Durham corresponding secretary Board of Missions and Sunday Schools; Bro. B. S. Peterson representing the North Carolina Baptist and Bro. S. W. Hall in the interest of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Chair appointed the various committees named below:

On State Missions: C. Durham and D. S. Hayworth.
Education: Thomas Carrick and M. A. Tesh
Periodicals: J. M. Bennett and B. A. Brown.
Foreign Missions: S. A. Hege and J. F. Lancaster.
Home Missions: J. D. Newton and W. A. Russell Jr.
Baptist Orphanage: S. W. Hall and Z. T. Sharpe.
Sunday Schools: C. W. Davis and John A. Carrick.
Temperance: D. B. Rickard and John A. Summey.
Obituaries: Henry Sheets and H. Morton.
Finance: J. M. Hilliard and D. R. Myers.
Religious Exercises: Pastor and Deacons of this church.
Place and Preacher for next session: J. H. Walser, Andrew Sink and H. G. Crook.

On motion, the following named brethren composing the Executive Committee of this association viz. Thomas Carrick, James Smith, C. W. Price, A. P. Snider and B. C. Cole, were re-elected.

DELEGATES TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The following were elected: James Smith, Henry Sheets, Thomas Carrick, J. M. Hilliard, S. W. Hall and A. C. Jones.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

J. M. Bennett, Alternate, J. M, Hilliard.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next session, reported as follows:

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the church at Holloway's, commencing on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August 1894. Bro. Thomas Carrick to preach the introductory sermon. On motion, made State Missions the special order for to-night at 8 o'clock: and Foreign Missions for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. It is further ordered that the report on Periodicals follow immediately after the discussion of Foreign Missions.

The report on the Baptist Orphanage to be made to-morrow evening at 3 o'clock.

Agreed to meet at 9:30 spend half an hour in devotional exercises, adjourn at 12 m. convene at 2 p. m: adjourn at will; meet at night at 8 o'clock, adjourn at will.

Adjourned. Benediction by Bro. Carrick.

NIGHT SESSION.

While the large congregation was gathering the choir rendered sweet strains of music.

Bro. J. M. Hilliard read the Scriptures and Bro. H. Morton led in prayer, after which Bro C. Durham read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In 1889 the Baptist State Convention said: "All that has been done and all that will be done to give the gospel to the destitute sections in our state is properly called State Missions. This is true, whether the work has been the appointment of the convention, the association, local churches, or undertaken by individuals independently."

Since the organization of the convention in 1830 this work has been prosecuted with increasing interest and growing success. The Board has this year about one hundred Baptist preachers engaged in work on mission fields and weak churches. At the last sermon of the convention the following resolutions were found."

"Resolved 1st, That State Missions is a work of vital and transcendent importance, and should be wisely and vigorously prosecuted by our Board till a self-sustaining Baptist church shall be established in reach of every person in North Carolina.

Resolved 2nd. That in order to carry out the above resolutions speedily as possible, every association, church and individual member be urged to aid liberally in the work by their prayers and contributions. We recommend the adoption of the above as the opinion of this Association.

State Missions is real foundation work. We cannot offord to neglect it. It has multiplied many times our numbers, our liberality, and our missionary zeal. It has made the success of the Recorder, Wake Forest College, our various Female Colleges, our Orphanage and our Foreign Mission work possible.

This work was never more successfully conducted than at the present. Respectfully,

COMMITTEE.

Brethren Thomas Carrick and C. Durham made able and interesting speeches on the above report. After pledges had been taken for this work, the report was adopted.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 9:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Bro. J. D. Newton.

2ND. DAY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. J. M. Bennett.

Body called to order by the Moderator.

Bro. J. F. Lancaster read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" was the great commission given by our Lord and Master,

We the missionary Baptists believe this and wish to show our faith by our works. We now have missionaries in China, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Africa and Mexico, numbering 92. Native assistants 78. Stations 185. Churches 75. Membership 2923. Baptisms 383. Schools 16. Scholars 598. Contributions from native churches last year, $5,368. 42. And total receipts for mission board last year, $155, 937,23.

Dear brethren: let us pray for the success of the Lord's work in foreign lands. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Lancaster, } Com
S. A. Hege, }

Remarks on the report were made by brethren Thomas Carrick and R. T. Bryan, after which the vote was taken to try to raise one cent a month per member in each of our churches during the next year. This was to take the place of pledges as usually taken. The report was adopted.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Benediction by E. J. Edwards.

2ND. DAY: AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by President C. E. Taylor.

Bro. J. M. Bennett read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In this report we recommend our State organ the Biblical Recorder; Foreign Mission Journal; Home Field and Charity and Children. We also recommend the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is to be regretted that our people do not take and read our denominational literature. We visit the houses of our brethren and find one or more political papers, but no religious paper. They say that they must know what is going on in the political world and congress: and yet, know almost nothing about what is being done in the religious world. Let us, brethren, do more to put our denominational literature into all the families of our churches.

J. M. Bennett, } Com
B. A. Brown, }

Short speeches were made by brethren Bryan, Caddell, Peterson, Bennett, Hege and Durham. Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To do the best possible work in any department of life it is necessary that we be fully prepared for that work. What is true of the departments of ordinary labor is equally true of the work of the christian ministry. If our young ministers are to be developed into men of greatest efficiency they must have suitable mental training.

There were something over forty young men at Wake Forest College last year aided by the churches. These young men still need help and must have it, or leave the College. The young men formerly aided at Wake Forest College make up a large part of the best pastors in our State. Much depends on the education of the rising ministry as to the future success of the Baptists of North Carolina. Academies and High Schools are springing up all over the State, our young people are being much better educated than formerly, and our ministry must be so educated as to meet the growing demands of our people.

We cannot afford to let this department of our work suffer. Let the churches respond liberally and heartily that the Board of Education may offer the needed assistance.

Thos. Carrick, president Chas. E. Taylor and others spoke to this report. Adopted.

The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage is located near the center of this Association. There are now 133 orphan children at this institution being trained for the responsibilities of life. They are making fair progress. Owing to the severe winter and the cry of hard times the strictest economy was necessary.

There was raised this year 145½ bushels of wheat, good crops hay, oats, vegetables and about 35 acres in corn. But in addition to this there is a need of an increase of contributions from the churches and Sunday Schools to supply the present number of orphans not saying anything of those who are needing and asking for help. The work needs to be enlarged. We recommend that the churches and

Sunday Schools in this Association to take more interest in this work and to try to raise at least 10 cents per member during the year for this noble cause.

Very Respectfully,
S. W. HALL, }
Z. T. SHARP, } Com

Bros. S. W. Hall and E. J. Edwards made speeches on the Orphanage and its work. A collection was then taken amounting to $4.15.

3D. DAY. THURSDAY MORNING AUG. 24.

Religious services conducted by Bro. John A. Summey.

Bro. J. D. Newton read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This department of the Lord's work embraces the destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, including Cuba and the Indian Territory. Efforts are being made by the Home Board to better qualify and inform the colored preachers, so that the great masses of the negro population may have the Word in its purity, and thus get clearer conceptions of their duty as christians.

Cuba has been under the influence and power of Romanism, but now large numbers of its inhabitants, under the preaching and teaching of A. J. Diaz and his helpers, are turning their faces toward the sun of righteousness.

Vast fields for missionary work may be found in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and other states, and our board calls for contributions that churches may be established and sustained in this wide destitution. J. D. NEWTON.

The committee on temperance submitted the following:

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: We have great cause for rejoicing on account of the advancement of the temperance cause in our midst. The spirit of temperance has been so developed—and the sentiment against it so strong until disgrace stamps itself upon every advocate of intemperance. Still we cannot cry peace; there is something wrong in the camp; we have been defeated in many battles and shall suffer for the presence of the Lord so long as we hold in our membership those who are taking of the accursed thing. Therefore we should rise early and separate the evil from us. May the mighty men of our host awake. Let the weak say we are strong and the victory shall be ours.

Respectfully submitted.
D. B. Rickard, } Com
J. A. Summey. }

After the above was read, the following resolution was appended.

Resolved—That this association will not hold fellowship with any church that holds in her fellowship any person who makes, sells, or deals with intoxicating liquors in any way as a beverage—and that the churches be asked to report to each association whether or not they are holding fellowship with such members.

Repectfully,
J. M. Bennett.

The brethren named spoke to this report and resolution: J. M. Bennett, J. N. Stallings, J. A. Summey, J. M. Hilliard, J. F. Lancaster, A. P. Snider, and H. Morton. After a spirited discussion, the above was adopted.

A biographical sketch of Elder B. Lanier was read and is appended to these minutes.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee regret to report that there are six churches in this association without a Sunday school.

We are sorry that such a great work is neglected by some of our churches. We recommend that the Pastors of these churches make a special effort to revive the work.

We are glad that so many of our churches are doing good work in this direction. Quite a number of young people are added to our churches every year through the influence of this great work. Thus we see the importance of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. Davis, } Com
J. A. Carrick, }

The closing hour was hastening on and therefore, this report was adopted without remarks.

It was ordered that the Clerk be allowed $10.00 for superintending the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he have all the minutes printed that he can, for the remainder of the money.

Bro. H. Morton offered a vote of thanks to the church and people of Kernersville for the kind hospitality extended during the sitting of this body.

The work of the

MINISTER'S RELIEF BOARD.

Was again commended to our people: and that the churches do sometime during the year, take a collection for this work, and send some to J. D. Boushall, Raleigh, N. C. Also: the work of Colored Minister's Institutes be remembered by our pastors and churches and send a contribution for this important work.

This closed the work of the session for 1893. The business was conducted with dispatch and harmony.

May the Lord give us grace to attempt still greater things for his glory. **James Smith**, Moderator.

Henry Sheets, Clerk.

The Treasurer submitted the following:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

To amount for	State Missions,	$270 66
" "	Foreign "	105.46
" "	Home "	53.75
" "	Education,	96 60
" "	Orphanage,	14.05
" "	Colportage,	21.14
" "	Minute Fund,	30.17
" "	Aged Ministers' Relief Fund,	2 00
" "	Cuban House,	1.40
" "	Colored Preachers Institutes,	1.28
" "	Centennial Chapel Fund,	30.00
		$626,51

The above includes balance from last year.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid on	State Missions,	$232 41	
" "	Foreign "	105 46	
" "	Home "	53 75	
" "	Education,	96 60	
" "	Orphanage,	14.05	
" "	Colportage,	16.31	
" "	Minute Fund,	30.17	
" "	Aged Ministers' Relief Fund,	2.00	
" "	Cuban House,	1.40	
" "	Colored Preachers Institutes,	1.28	
" "	Centennial Chapel Fund,	30.00	
		$583.43	
Balance on hand for	State Missions,	38 25	
" "	Colportage,	4 83	
		$626,51	$626.51

Thos. Carrick, Treasurer.

The above report adopted.

The following is the report of

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Colportage	Minute Fund	Orphaange
Abbott's Creek	$12 00			$ 3 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 30	
Denton	2 35					1 10	
Eldorado	3 00	2 00		1 70		30	
High Point						1 50	
Holloway's	10 14	3 44	26	6 38		2 00	
Jackson's Creek	1 00					45	
Jersey						2 20	
Kernersville						90	
Lexington						3 10	
Liberty	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 97		1 05	
Lick Creek		75				1 45	
Marion						25	
New Friendship				8 71		2 50	
Pine M. House	20 00	8 00	3 00	9 18		2 30	
Pleasant Grove						1 00	
Piny Grove						1 00	
Reeds Cross Roads		0 50	0 50	0 65		1 50	
Rich Fork	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 00		75	
Summerville	2 00	1 00		1 00			
Thomasville						50	
Thomasville O. Ch.						1 00	
Public Collections							$ 4 15
At Association	2 47						
Total	65 61	18 69	5 76	35 09	1 00	26 69	4 15

Grand Total $156 99

OFFICIAL REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	S. S. SUPT'S	SUPT'S P. O.	Officers & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Vol's in Library	Quar't and p'prs taken	School Ex
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague	Abbott's Creek	8	80		55	$ 6
Denton							
ElDorado	L. W. Harris	ElDorado	7	50			1 47
High Point	R. C. Charles	High Point	10	80	50	100	50
Holloway's	J. A. Carrick	Marsh					
Jackson's Creek							
Jersey	J. D. Palmer	Linwood	6	20			
Kernersville	J. F. Lancaster	Oak Ridge	8	65		84	8
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington	10	65	150	150	52 32
Liberty	D. H. Hepler	Hannersville	7	85	100	60	2
Lick Creek	H. G. Crook	Pool	6	75		70	4
Marion							
New Friendship	A. P. Snider	Salem	6	48		45	9
Oak Hill							
Pine M. House	W. C. Grubb	Jubilee	9	110			24 97
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg	5	83		60	
Pleasant Grove	H. G. Collins	Randleman	9	60	51	84	10
Reed's X Roads	Arthur Craven	Michael	8	90	72	110	4
Rich Fork	Wm Bowers	Jimes	7	40		100	3
Summerville							
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn	Thomasville	6	31		100	3 60
Thomasville B. O.	Josiah Jones	Thomasville	7	130			
	Totals		119	1112	423	1018	178 36

PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1894.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education
Abbott's Creek	12		3	3 50
Denton	2		1	1
ElDorado	2		1	2
High Point	10		10	10
Holloway's	16		4	7 50
Jackson's Creek	2		1	1
Jersey	15		5	10
Kernersville	15		2	8
Lexington	50		20	25
Liberty	5		2	3
Lick Creek	8		2	3
Marion	1			1
New Friendship	10		5	10
Oak Hill	2		1	1
Pine M. House	30		4	12
Piney Grove	5		1	1
Pleasaat Grove	10		2	5
Reed's X Roads	15		5	5
Rich Fork	2		2	2
Summerville	2		1	1
Thomasville	5		2	3
Thomasville Baptist Orphanage Church	2		1	2
Little River	2 50		50	2
Union Meeting	40			10

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1893.

Churches	Pastors	Pastor's P. O.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Thom'ville Bap.' Or.	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Colportage	Incidental Expenses	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	J. N. Stallings	Low Gap N. C.	$12	$ 2 50	$2	$3 50	$2 65	100	$15	$1 30	$1	$	$139 95
Denton	H. Morton	Thomasville "	2	1	1	80		75	84	1 10		1 25	166 15
ElDorado	J. A. Summey	Hannersville "	2 45	1 50	75	1		40		30			46
High Point	No Pastor		11	63	10	10	27 11	500		1 50	10	139 62	772 23
Holloway's	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee "	16	7 50	4	7 54		100		2		1 75	138 79
Jackson's Creek	H. Morton	Thomasville "	1	1	70			43	8	45		6 55	60 70
Jersey	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "	25	7 18	3 64	10		150	20	2 20			218 02
Kernersville	Henry Sheets	Lexington "	15	5	3	2 50		75		90		6	107 40
Lexington	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "	36	7 87	9 06	25	3 31	350	86 94	3 10	4 31	48 29	573 88
Liberty	J. M. Hilliard	Thomasville "	5	3	2	2		80	19 72	1 05			112 77
Lick Creek	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee "	3	3 75	2 50	3		100	15	1 45			128 70
Marion	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "								25			25
New Friendship	Henry Sheets	Lexington "	20	12	7	10	8	100	58 25	2 50		66	283 75
Oak Hill													
Pine M. House	J. M. Bennett	Jubilee "	30	12	4	10		200	346 09	2 30		35 22	639 61
Piny Grove	J. N. Stallings	Low Gap "	9							1			10
Pleasant Grove	G. M. Webb	Randleman "	9 62	5			7 80	100	61 45	1		37	221 87
Reed's X Roads	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "	15	5	5	5	10 35	125		1 50		15	181 85
Rich Fork	J. D. Newton	Thomasville "	3	2	1	2	2 76			75		30	41 51
Summerville	A. P. Stoker	Denton "	2	36		1							3 36
Thomasville	J. M. Hilliard	Thomasville "	6	6		1		200	5	50		11	229 50
Thomasville B. O	S. W. Hall	Thomasville "						25	5	1		2 31	33 31
			223 07	145 66	55 65	94 34	61 98	2363 00	724 45	26 69	15 31	399 99	4109 60

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST. 1894.

Churches.	Clerks	Clerks' P. O.		Added.				Lost.							
				Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Total.	Dis'd by Letter.	Exclud'd	Died	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Sabbaths of Meetings.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg,	N. C.	13	1	1	15	14	1		15	47	87	134	3
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton,	"					1	1		2	15	26	41	2
ElDorado	Lee W. Harris Jr.	ElDorado	"	9	2		11	12	2	2	16	24	55	79	2
High Point	J. J. Farriss	High Point	"	5	5	1	11	20		4	24	44	76	120	1,2,3,4
Holloway's	J. I. Stoner	Silver Hill	"	10	2	3	15	4	2	1	7	60	120	180	2
Jackson's Creek	S. M. Barnes	Lytton	"	11			11	5	1	3	9	28	41	69	3
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood	"	7	3	3	13	3	2		5	64	71	135	3
Kernersville	F. V. Brown	Kernersville	"	9			9	1			1	18	39	57	2
Lexington	Ed H. Maley	Lexington	"	10	4		14	4	5		9	80	91	171	2,4
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Hannersville	"	19		1	20	2	3	1	6	72	120	192	2
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole	Bringle's	"	2	1		3	1	1	1	3	53	70	123	4
Marion	R. S. Green	Lexington	"											20	4
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	Salem	"	19		3	22	13	1	1	15	54	95	149	1
Oak Hill	Reported last	year										9	21	30	
Pine M House	W. W. Wilson	Sapona	"	22	6		28	8	8	4	20	109	179	288	1,3
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg	"	21	9		30					12	32	44	1
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Wilson	Randleman	"	20	8		28	1	2	1	4	24	52	76	1
Reeds X Roads	D. R. Myers	Michael	"		1		1	4			4	46	80	126	1
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard	Thomasville	"	11	5		16		3	2	5	33	57	90	4
Summerville	Franklin Davis	Denton	"						3	2	5	22	43	65	1
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn	Thomasville	"		4		4		1		1	9	21	30	1.3
Thos. Bap. Or.	Miss EllaThomas	Thomasville	"	25	1		26	5	1		6	30	43	73	1.2.3.4
				213	52	12	277	98	37	22	157	853	1419	2292	

IN MEMORIAM.

Elder Benjamin Lanier, the aged servant of God, passed away from earth August 5th, 1893. He was a ripe christian and was only waiting to be invited up higher. His death was not unexpected; yet, we feel most keenly our bereavement.

He was born July 26th, 1807 and was therefore 86 years and nine days old. He was married in his 21st year to Miss Anna Stuart, of this union, ten children were born to them, six of whom survive them. His wife died in November 1880.

Bro. Lanier was converted in March 1831. The same year he was licensed to preach. He was ordained about two years later. He was a preacher for nearly sixty-two years. He was engaged regularly in the ministry up to 1880 when feeble health forced him to retire from the work which he loved so much. He was baptized in the fellowship of Tom's Creek by Elder Jesse Sewel. From the best evidence gleaned from the records, he began his pastorate with Tom's Creek church about 1833 and served without a break in time till 1861—some 31 years. He served the same church again in 1875-6.

He went to school but little. It is said that six months would include all his schooling. He was a faithful pastor of several churches in Davidson, Randolph, Montgomery and Stanley counties. The churches always felt safe under his leadership. As a country preacher—for he preached only to country churches, he averaged well in the ministry of his day. He was sought after far and wide to preach funeral sermons. People of other communions often calling upon him in preference to their own pastor.

We dont believe that he was called to do evangelistic work, yet often, he preached so earnestly and faithfully that large congregations have been moved to tears as he told "The Old, old story of the Cross."

He was Moderator of the Liberty association for 17 years, his brethern always delighting to honor him.

He was followed by a large concourse of friends and relatives on the first Sunday in August (Aug. 6th.) 1893 and laid to rest to await the resurrection morn.

Death had no terrors for Bro. Lanier. Ho talked freely with his family and friends about his departure. He was not only ready, but longed to be at home. It could truly be said of him: "I am ready to go, but willing to wait." Let him be with his blessed Savior, of whom he so often told others, while we all strive to meet him on the other shore.

HENRY SHEETS, } Com
H. MORTON, }

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-first Annual Session

OF

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Holloway's Baptist Church,

August 21, 22, and 23, 1894.

OFFICERS.

Moderator: *JAMES SMITH, Lexington, N. C.*
Clerk: ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer: ELDER THOMAS CARRICK, Lexington, N. C.

NEXT SESSION

Will be held with Pleasant Grove Church (at Randleman, N. C.) Randolph County, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1895.

To Preach Introductory Sermon: ELDER J. M. HILLIARD.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Bennett, J. M.	Churchland,	North Carolina.
Carrick, Thomas.	Lexington,	" "
Hall, S. W.	Thomasville,	" "
Hamner, W. H	Lexington,	" "
Henderson, G. W.	Blaine,	" "
Hilliard, J. M.	Thomasville,	" "
Lancaster, J. F.	Oak Ridge,	" "
Leach, M. J.	Lassiter's Mills,	" "
Morton, H.	Thomasville,	" "
Newton, J. D.	Thomasville,	" "
Orrell, N. B.	Abbott's Creek,	" "
Pugh, J. M.	Randleman,	" "
Richardson, J. B.	High Point,	" "
Sheets, Henry.	Lexington,	" "
Stoker, A. P.	Denton,	" "
Summey, J. A.	Hannersville,	" "
Weaver, Rufus W.	Greensboro,	" "
Yarborough, Aaron.	Lexington,	" "

LICENTIATES.

Jefferson Lanning, D. R. Myers, Daniel B. Rickard, R. D. Cross and F. L. Fidler.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thomas Carrick, James Smith, C. W. Trice, A. P. Snider and B. C. Cole.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

No. of churches in Association	23
Represented by delegates 20; by letter only 2; one not represented—El Dorado	22
New churches received this session, (Mt. Lebanon),	1
Delegates allowed in this body	69
Delegates present	48
No. of churches that reported no school	4
Sunday Schools in Association with branch schools	23
Sunday School scholars	
Paid on Pastors' salary	$2,128.59
Contributions for all purposes	
Baptized this year.	136
Total membership of Liberty Association	2,363

PROCEEDINGS.

HOLLOWAY'S BAPTIST CHURCH, Davidson County, N. C.,
August 21st, 1894.

A large congregation was present to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Bro R. Vandeventer from John 3· 7. After an intermission of one hour, for dinner, the people re-assembled and Bro. John Mitchell read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

Abbott's Creek: C. W. Davis, D. D. Orrell and C. H. Teague.

Denton: J. A. Snider, L. F. Reid and J. C. Bean.

El Dorado: Not represented.

High Point: J. F. Ellison, A C. Jones.

Holloway's: H. P. Feezor, D. H. Cross and J. F. Carrick.

Jackson's Creek: S. M. Barnes.

Jersey: G. W. Palmer, W. C. Roach and C. M. Pope.

Kernersville: By Letter.

Lexington: H. P. Gallimore, John T Yarborough and C. C. Leonard.

Liberty: S. P. Copple, G. Wilson Miller and D. H. Hepler.

Lick Creek: W. P. Redwine, James H. Daniel and A. D. Yarborough.

Marion: R. S. Green.

Mt. Lebanon: James G. Parks and J. W. Byerly.

New Friendship: Risden Charles, C. E. Snider and Samuel D. Snider.

Oak Hill: M. F. Underwood and J. P. Welborne.

Pine M. House. W. C. Grubb, S. C. Beck and J. H Feezor.

Piny Grove: S. W. Wall and C. M. Wall.

Pleasant Grove: W. G. Barker and O. V. Brooks.

Reed's X Roads: G. W. Snider, Arthur Craver and J. H. Walser.

Rich Fork: William Bowers and J. F. Clinard.

Summerville:

Thomasville:

Thomasville Baptist Orphanage: J. D. Newton.

An invitation to new churches to unite with us, was accepted by delegates from Mt. Lebanon church in Randolph county, presenting a petition. On motion this church was received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. See enrollment of delegates.

The former officers were re-elected by acclamation. See title page.

INVITATION TO VISITING BRETHREN.

Brethren John F, Hodge, of Stanly Association; Samuel Beeker, of South Yadkin; C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary etc.; J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder; B. S. Peterson, representing the North Carolina Baptist; John Mitchell representing the Education Board; R. Vandeventer, Vice-President of Foreign Mission Board for N. C., reported and were welcomed to seats.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTES.

On State Missions: C. Durham and C. H. Teague.

On Education: John Mitchell and J. D Newton.

On Periodicals: Daniel B. Rickard and C. M. Wall.

On Foreign Missions: R. Vandeventer and J. A. Summey.

On Home Missions: J. M. Bennet and H. Morton.

On Baptist Orphanage: C. W. Davis and G. W. Henderson.

On Sunday Schools: A. P. Snider and N. B. Orrell.

On Temperance: D. R. Myers and W. C. Grubb.

On Finance: C. H. Teague and William Bowers.

On Religious Exercises: Pastor and Deacons of this Church

COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

H. Morton, G. W. Palmer and W. P. Redwine.

TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

N. B. Orrell, S. W. Wall and G. W. Palmer, who, after a few minutes absence recommended the present Board, namely: Thomas Carrick, James Smith, C. W. Trice, A. P. Snider and B. C. Cole,

SPECIAL ORDER.

Foreign Missions to-morrow at 10:30; State Missions at 11:30; Education at 2 p. m.

Bro. D. B Rickard read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS:

In this report we recommend our State organ, the Biblical Recorder; the North Carolina Baptist; Foreign Mission Journal; Our Home Field and Charity and Children. We also recommend the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is to be regretted that our people do not take and read our denominational literature. We visit houses of our brethren and find one or more political papers, but no religious paper. They say that they must know what is going on in the political world; and yet, know almost nothing about what is being done in the religious world. Let us, brethren, do more to put our denominational literature into all the families of our churches.

D. B. RICKARD,} Com.
C. M. WALL. }

The above report was spoken to by Brethren J. C Caddell, B. S. Peterson and Henry Sheets. On motion of Bro. Thomas Carrick, the report was tabled till to-morrow morning after religious services.

PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

The Committee recommended as follows: Pleasant Grove as the place and Bro. J. M. Hilliard as the preacher of the introductory sermon.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the order as follows:

Meet at 9:30 a. m , devote one half hour to religious exercises; adjourn at 12:30; meet at 2 p. m., and ajourn at will. Preaching to-night at 7:30 by Bro. G. W. Henderson. Benediction by Bro. Durham.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22ND.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. H. Morton. After one half-hour thus devoted, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The report on Periodicals was again taken up and further discussed by brethren R. Vandeventer, J D. Newton and John Mitchell, after which the report was adopted.

DELEGATE TO BARTIST STATE CONVENTION.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following named brethren: A. P. Stoker. Henry Sheets, J. A. Summey, C. M. Wall, Thomas Carrick and H. Morton.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Appointed, Henry Sheets. Alternate Thomas Carrick.

On motion of A. P. Snider, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and delivery of the minutes, and that he be allowed $10 for his services, after that, that he have all the minutes printed that the money will pay for.

Bro. R Vandeventer, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board, read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God opens the fields, and bids us go up and possess them. There are 156 missionaries and native workers, working under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. The calls for more men and women are urgent, but the Foreign Mission Board can only send them as the churches furnish the funds. Last year North Carolina gave $6,607.69. The blessings of the gospel we enjoy, puts us under obligation to give of our substance and do what we can to give the world a knowledge of Jesus. We have freely received, we ought freely to give.

The success of the work encourages us to give, the Christian activities of the native churches cheer us in our aid, and the Lord's promise that Jesus shall have the heathen for an inheritance should quicken us in this work. It is with sorrow we hear of the death of sister Newton and the illness of brothr Newton. May the God of missions bless this providence to the good of his cause in Africa

R. VANDEVENTER, } Com.
JOHN A. SUMMAY. }

This very interesting report was spoken to by Summey and Vandeventer. Pledges were then taken after which the report was then adopted.

Bro. Durham read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

At the last Baptist State Convention there was a debt on this department of $3,000, but by April 1st, 1894 the money was sent to the Treasurer and the missionaries were all paid. This year there are 87 missionaries engaged in preaching at more than 300 destitute places. They have been greatly blessed in their work this year. From December 1892 to August 16th. 1893 the churches sent to the Treasurer for State Missions $3,444.93 and from Dececember 1893 to August 15, 1894 they sent to the Treasurer for this work $7,014.09. This was a gain for this year over last year of $3,569.16. It is earnestly hoped that the Board can and will go up to the next Convention without a dollar indebtedness. But to do this it should have the sympathy and hearty co-operation of every Pastor and every Church in the Convention. A good work is being done at a number of important places within the bounds of this Association. We recommend that the church undertake to do more next year for this work than ever before in their history.

COMMITTEE.

The report was ably discussed by Bro. C. Durham. After pledges had been taked for next year's work a public col-collection was taken amounting to $5.16. The report was then adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

Benediction by Bro. Rufus W. Weaver.

WEDNESDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 22ND

Prayer by Bro. N. B. Orrell.

The pastor made the following announcements: Bro. John Mitchell occupy this house to-night and Bro. Rufus W. Weaver, the house at Silver Hill

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Education Board gave aid to thirty five young ministers last session. Many more desired aid but could not be helped for the lack of means. The Board will aid about the same number next session. Many more are earnestly asking for help and they seem to be worthy and very needy but the Board must await the action of the churches If the contributions and promises of the churches to help should seem to justify it the Board will aid them all. Brethren, let us help the young ministers. The work is great and encouraging. The history of our Convention proves that no department of its work has accomplished more for the State and the world, than the Board of Education in aiding indigent and worthy young men called of God to the work of the ministry.

We are pleased to note a growing interest in the cause of education in our State

Wake Forest College matriculated 198 students last session notwithstanding the hard times and the sharp cheap competition. The outlook is good for the next session. The prospect is encouraging for our Academies and High Schools. Brethren, let us rally to the support of our College and all our institutions of learning—not excepting the common schools.

JOHN MITCHELL, } Com.
J. D. NEWTON. }

After the above report was read, the following was offered as supplementary to it by Bro. C. Durham:

GENERAL EDUCATION.

Whereas, The amount of money used in the public free schools gives only about a three months' session in each school district, and pays the teachers a monthly salary of only about $22, and

Whereas, The amount of the taxes of the people drawn from the State Treasury in 1893 and 1894 for higher education is $148,000, therefore

Resolved 1st That, in our opinion, the Legislature soon to be elected by the people, ought to provide for a four months public free school in every school district in every county in the State.

Resolved, 2nd. That, in our opinion, the taxes of the people should not be appropriated by the Legislature to higher education.

Resolved, 3rd. That, in our opinion, the appropriation of the taxes of the people to higher education is a hindrance and not a help to the best educational interest of North Carolina.

Bro. John Mitchell spoke to the report so far as it referred to ministerial education; and then secured pledges from the churches for the ensuing year. Then Bro. Durham spoke at length on "How far Should a State Undertake to Educate?" He showed plainly and conclusively that the policy of the State in reference to higher education, by taxing the people, was unjust to the children of the State as well as to the denominational colleges of the State. And that all others as well as Baptists are equally interested. At the close of this able discussion the report with supplement was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned until to morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23RD.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. D. B. Rickard. Prayer by R. W. Weaver. The body was then called to order by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Bro. J. M. Bennett read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board had on the field during the last year 381 missionaries, and supplied 1,229 churches and stations with the saving gospel, and baptized 4,470, received by letter 4,039, and completed 67 houses of worship. The work of the Board is naturally divided into three departments:

Work among foreign population, negroes and our own native white people. The work among the Indians has been especially gratifying. They have 16 Associations, 301 churches and a membership of 13,844. About our work in Cuba we can say that it never was more prosperous than it is now. As many as 150 candidates have been baptized at one time, and the missionaries are at work with marked zeal and enthusiasm. The work among the negroes and our native people is equally encouraging. We heartily recommend this department of our mission work to the earnest consideration and liberal support of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. MORTON,
J. M. BENNETT. } Com.

Remarks on this report were submitted by H. Morton, J. M. Bennett and J. D. Newton. Pledges taken and report adopted.

The following preamble and resolution was most heartily adopted.

MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD.

Whereas, We have a Minister's Relief Board, located at Durham, N. C., which was organized in 1889, to aid indigent ministers and their widows, and

Whereas, This Board has, since its organization, aided 17 ministers and widows of ministers whose circumstances really demanded help, and now has a list of 9 beneficiaries who are looking to this Board for a part of their supplies, therefore

Resolved, That this Association will, in the future, encourage and aid this work, by appointing a committee to solicit aid or by taking a public collection in each of our churches. Respectfully, HENRY SHEETS.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report: The question of temperance is one that should interest us all. It is one of the great foes that stands in the way of the prosperity of our Lord's kingdom. We recommend that the churches condemn and exercise a strict discipline over those who indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

While we regret that the sentiment against liquor is not what it should be, we are glad to notice the fast growing condemnation against this mighty evil. "The spirit of intemperance has been so developed and the sentiment against it so strong until disgrace stamps itself upon every advocate of intemperance." Let us hope and pray that the sentiment against intoxicating liquors may continue to increase until the curse will be driven from among us. Let us as the Lord's people ever rally to the front and show our colors against this great evil.

D. R. MYERS,
W. C. GRUBB. } Com.

The pastors reported that, so far as they knew, the spirit of temperance is being carried out, that no member of our churches has been engaged in making or selling intoxicating liquors.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage is located near the center of Liberty Association. There are now 125 children at this institution being trained under the direction of the Board of Trustees by the contributions of the Baptists of the State.

Therefore, we your committee recommend that the churches of this Association contribute as liberally as they can to this work, because the Lord has said that he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

C. W. DAVIS,
G. W. HENDERSON. } Com.

Bro. John Mitchell made a speech in behalf of the above report. Then a collection was taken amounting to $2.61. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee are glad to report that there is being a good work done by the Sunday Schools in our Association but we see that there is more that can be done yet There are destitute places that need looking after. So your committee recommend that there be a special effort made by our churches to establish Sunday Schools and locate mission stations that the children of those places may be brought in to the work. We recommend that each church appoint a committee of three to look after and establish a Sunday School in each of the destitute places.

N. B. ORRELL, } Com.
A. P. SNIDER. }

Brethren N. B. Orrell, R. W. Weaver, G. W. Henderson, A. C. Jones and J. M. Bennett spoke to the report.

Report was adopted.

Treasurer Carrick submitted his report.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

To amount	for	State Missions	$260 80
"	"	Foreign Missions	57.98
"	"	Home Missions	32.10
"	"	Education	71.32
"	"	Orphanage	7 17
"	"	Colportage from last year	5.83
"	"	Minute Fund	26 69
"	"	Colored Preachers Institutes	1.21
"	"	Centennial Chapel Fund	2.55
"	"	Students Fund Theoglical Seminary	4 30
			$469.95

DISBURSEMENTS

By amount	paid on	State Missions	$260 80	
"	"	Foreign Misssions	57.98	
"	"	Home Missions	32.10	
"	"	Education	71.32	
"	"	Orphanage	7.17	
"	"	Minute Fund	26.69	
"	"	Colored Preachers Institute	1.21	
"	"	Centennial Chapel Fund	2.55	
"	"	Students Fund Theological Seminary	4 30	
			$464.12	
Balance on hand for Colportage			5.83	
			$469 95	$469.95

THOMAS CARRICK, Treasurer.

After some remarks by Treasurer Carrick, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. H. Morton, a vote of thanks was tendered the church and friends in this community for their hospitality to us during this session of the Association.

The business of the body being finished, we adjourned to meet with the church at Pleasant Grove on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1895.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," Bro. John Mitchell led in prayer.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

We your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Minute Fund	Total.
High Point	1.40	3.00			2.00	6.40
Orphanage Church		.27	.32		.80	2.30
Piny Grove				1.65	1.02	2.67
Summerville	1.00	.65		.65		2.30
Mt. Lebanon	1.00		1.00		.50	2.50
Reed's X Roads		3.16		3.15	1.15	7,46
Kernersville					.75	.75
Lick Creek	2.83	2.00	2.50	1.77	2.00	11.00
Liberty			3.70	1.98	1.60	7.28
Marion					.25	.25
Oak Hill		1.30				1.30
Denton		.25			.70	.95
Pine M. House	14.78	3.00	8.96	9.00	2.38	38.12
Thomasville					.50	.50
Rich Fork	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	.60	8 60
Abbott's Creek	3.56	1.50	1.50	2.00	1.75	10.31
Lexington					3.00	3.00
Holloway's	6.53		1.10	8.40	2.00	18.03
Pleasant Grove	.97			.40	1.00	2 37
Jackson's Creek	.30	.15		.15	.16	.76
New Friendship				4.09	1 95	6.04
Jersey					2.32	2.32
	$34 37	$12 20	$21.08	$40.24	$26.43	$135.21
Public Collection	5.16					

*Orphanage Church paid 91 cents on Minister's Relief Fund.

WILLIAM BOWERS, } Com.
C. H. TEAGUE. }

TABLE PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1894.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Education.	Total Pledges
Abbott's Creek,	2 00	8 00	2 00	3 00	15.00
Denton,	2.00	2 00	1.00		5.00
El Dorado,	1.00	2 00			3.00
High Point,	15.00	15.00	15 00	15.00	60.00
Holloway's	5.00	14 00	4 00	7 00	30.00
Jackson's Creek,	1 50	1,00	1.00	1.00	4 50
Jersey,	10 00	15 00	5 00	10 00	40.00
Kernersville,	8.00	15.00	5 00	5.00	33.00
Lexington,	20 00	40.00	16 00	20.00	96.00
Liberty,	5.00	5 00	2 00	3 00	15.00
Lick Creek,	5.00	8.00	2.00	3.00	18 00
Marion,	.50				.50
New Friendship,	6 00	10 00	5.00	5.00	26.00
Oak Hill,	1.00	2.50	1.00		4 50
Pine M. House,	12 00	25.00	5.00	10.00	52 00
Piny Grove,	7.00	5 00	3.00	3.00	18.00
Pleasant Grove,	3 00	10.00	2 00	2 50	17.50
Reed's X Roads,	2.00	8 00	3 00	2.00	15.00
Rich Fork,	2.00	2.00	2 00	2.00	8.00
Summerville,	1.00	1.00			2.00
Thomasville,	5 00	5.00	2 00	2.00	14.00
T. Bap. Or. Ch.,	3.00	3 00	2.00	2.00	10.00
Mt. Lebanon,	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	7.00
Union Meeting,		40.00		10.00	50.00
Public Collection,		5.16			5.16
Totals,	$120 00	$243 66	$79.00	$106.50	$549.16

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES.	S. S SUPTS.	SUPTS. P. O.	Officers & Teachers	Number of Scholars	Vol's in Library	Quart'ly & p'prs taken	School Expenses
Abbott's Creek,	N. R. Teague	Abbott's Creek	6	89		62	$ 6.28
Denton,	L. A. Tysinger	Denton	5	50			
El Dorado,							
High Point	N. W. Beeson	High Point	10	65			44 00
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill	7	70		53	2.47
Jackson's Creek	C. F. Pierce	Jones' Mine	4	22		12	.25
Jersey							
Kernersville	J. F. Lancaster	Oak Ridge	7	52		300	7.96
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington	9	60	100	150	42.00
Liberty	R. B. Miller	Hannersville	8	75	100	100	2.94
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringle's	6	75		80	4.00
Marion							
Mt. Lebanon	R. M. Cagle	Pisgah	4	25			2.00
New Friendship	Felix Sink	Salem	7	60		40	5.00
Oak Hill							
Pine M. House	J. H. Beck	Churchland	5	50	30	20	22.14
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg	7	61		60	6.00
Pleasant Grove	W. G. Barker	Randleman	7	65	50	80	10.00
Reed's X Roads	Arthur Craver	Michael	10	65	72	68	6.00
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers	Jimes	8	50		40	2 50
Summerville	A. Peterson	Denton	3	40		1	
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn	Thomasville	5	30		100	9.00
T. Baptist Orph			6	135		100	
S. S. scholars in	branch schools		15	243		150	
			129	1307	352	1416	128.54

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

HIGH POINT CHURCH.

Organized in December last with a membership of	10
Present membership	16
Contributed since organization	$60

Of this amount, $20. was for Education.

MRS. R. B. WHITE, President.
MRS. ELSIE BEESON, Sec. and Treas.

LEXINGTON CHURCH.

This Society has a membership of 15. Contributed during the Associational year, $18.50—divided between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

MISS ROXIE SHEETS, President.
MRS. THOMAS CARRICK, Treasurer.
MRS J. K. HANKINS, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1894.

Churches.	Clerks.	Clerk's P. O.		Added. Baptiz'd	Rec'd by letter.	Restor'd	Total.	Lost. Dis'd by letter.	Excl'd'd	Died.	Tota..	Males.	Females.	Total membership.	Sabbaths of Meeting.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg,	N. C.	2			2	3	1	2	6	45	87	132	3
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton,	“		1		1		3	1	4	16	23	39	2
El Dorado	J. A. Summey	Hannersville,	“									24	55	79	2
High Point	A. E. Prim	High Point,	“	8	18		26	24		1	25			131	1,2,3,4
Holloway's	J. I. Stoner	Silver Hill,	“	11	7		18	4		4	8	65	125	190	
Jackson's Creek	J. T. Pierce	Jones' Mine,	“									28	41	69	3
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood,	“	21	1	2	24			1	1	74	83	157	3
Kernersville	W. J. Hooker	Kernersville,	“	2	2	1	5		3		3	20	39	57	2
Lexington	R. T. Hamner	Lexington,	“	6	4		10	2	2	2	6	81	92	173	2,4
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Hannersville,	“	15	2	4	21	1		1	2	84	127	211	2
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole	Bringle's,	“	2	1		3	9	1	2	12	49	65	114	4
Marion	R. S. Green	Lexington,	“						2		2	6	6	12	
Mt. Lebanon	James G. Parks			3	6		9			1	1	6	13	19	
New Friendship	Sam'l A. Hege	Salem,	“	10		1	11	1			1	59	103	162	4
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore,	“					1			1	9	20	29	1
Pine M. House	A. L. Barnes	Tyro Shops,	“	22	3	1	26	11	15	6	32	89	178	267	1,3
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg,	“	5			5	1		1	2	16	30	47	1
Pleasant Grove	J. H. Wilson	Randleman,	“	6	8		14	10		1	11	28	51	79	1
Reed's X Roads	D. R. Myers	Michael,	“	5	1		6	3	2	3	8	44	79	123	1
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard	Thomasville,	“									33	58	91	4
Summerville	Franklin Davis	Denton,	“		6		6		3	2	5	22	46	68	
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn	Thomasville,	“	5	1		6	3			3	8	25	33	4
Thos. Bap. Or.	Miss Ella Thomas	Thomasville,	“	13	3		16	5		2	7			78	1,3
				136	64	9	209	78	32	30	140	806	1346	2363	

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1894.

Churches.	Pastors.	Pastor's P. O.	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Education.	Thom'ville Bap. Or.	Min. Rel. Fund.	Minute Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek,	J. M. Hilliard	Thomasville, N. C	$ 6 71	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 2 00	$	$,	$1 75	$	$ 2 95	$100 00	$116 41
Denton,	H. Morton	Thomasville "	2 00		25				70	9 00	75 00	75 00	161 95
El Dorado,	J. A. Summey	Hannersville "											
High Point	R. W. Weaver	Greensboro "	10 00	10 00	9 00	28 75	7 85		2 00	800 00	8 45	300 00	1176 05
Holloway's	J. M. Bennett	Churchland "	13 34	5 00	4 00	7 50			2 00	310 50	13 75	100 00	456 09
Jackson's Creek	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado "	30		15	15			16	5 39		30 00	36 15
Jersey	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "	16 86	10 00	5 00	11 87			2 32	24 00		125 00	195 05
Kernersville	Henry Sheets	Lexington "	15 00	7 77	2 70	6 55	3 71		75	1000 00	8 00	150 00	1194 48
Lexington	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "	26 05	7 55	5 12	14 69	3 02		3 00	49 59	56 54	308 70	474 26
Liberty	J A. Summey	Hannersville "	5 00	3 70	2 00	3 00			1 60			75 00	90 30
Lick Creek	H. Morton	Thomasville "	8 00	2 00	5 00	1 77			2 00			75 00	93 77
Marion	Not supplied								25				25
Mt. Lebanon	M. J. Leach	Lassiter's Mills "	50	50	1 00				50			55 00	57 50
New Friendship	Henry Sheets	Lexington "	10 00	10 60	5 00	5 00		4 00	1 95	15 00		100 00	151 55
Oak Hill	H. Morton	Thomasville "			1 30					7 40		40 00	48 70
Pine M. House	J. M. Bennett	Churchland "	16 00	8 94	3 00	9 00			2 38	48 76	4 50	200 00	292 58
Piny Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington "	6 55	6 76	2 38	1 65		2 00	1 02	26 45	16 85	100 00	163 66
Pleasant Grove	Thos. Carrick	Lexington "	10 00	5 16	1 50	1 00			1 00	15 00	19 00	125 00	177 66
Reed's X Roads	J. M. Hilliard	Thomasville "	9 07	5 00	3 16	3 15			1 15	12 45		100 00	133 98
Rich Fork	J. D. Newton	Thomasville "	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00			60	10 00	4 25		22 85
Summerville	A. P. Stoker	Denton "	1 00		65	65							2 30
Thomasville	J. M. Hilliard	Thomasville "	12 76	6 00					50	11 60	158 00	69 89	258 75
T. Baptist Orph	J. D. Newton	Thomasville "	1 12	3 18	2 16	1 07		1 00	80	1 48			10 81
			172 26	95 66	56 87	99 80	14 58	7 00	26 43	2346 62	367 29	2,128.59	5,315.10

APPENDIX.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE LIFE AND WORK OF ELDERS JAMES B. BADGETT, ELI CARROLL AND ALFRED KINNEY; WHOSE WORK WAS MAINLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY.

ELDER JAMES B. BADGETT.

William and Sarah Badgett emigrated from Granville county, N. C., to what is now Davidson county. The subject of this sketch, Elder James B. Badgett, was born to them July 3rd, 1786.

In the year 1805, he was united in marriage to Miss Jemima Kinney, a Baptist and revolutionary patriot. She was a sister of Deacon Isaac Kinney, a prominent member late of Jersey church.

They were blessed with a numerous family of children—six sons and four daughters, namely: Charity, Samuel, Wilson, James B., Jonathan, William H., Priscilla, Jemima, Jincy and Daniel W.

Elder Badgett reared an intelligent family of children who made good citizens. Some of them were carpenters and builders. William H. is one of Davidson county's most prominent citizens; having acted as Justice of the Peace for nearly forty years; and has been for many years county surveyor and served as a member of the Special Court of his county (Davidson) for a term of years, before and after the rebellion.

When Elder Badgett was a young man, in company with some friends made some remark which elicted a gentle rebuke from his sister: said she, "Why Jim, I'm afraid you'll never get religion." Her rebuke set him to thinking about his future state and finally resulted in his conversion. The old records of his mother church, (Tom's Creek) report a revival at the March meeting, 1812. At the next meeting, April 18th, James Badgett and Jemima Badgett with two others were received for baptism and on the day following (Sunday, April 19th) they were baptized. At the May meeting he was chosen clerk of the church. In September of that year, he represented his church in the Sandy Creek Association at Fall Creek Meeting House.

On March 20th, 1813 he unfolded his mind to the church with reference to exercising his gift in public. He was given permission "to exercise a public gift in the limits of the church or further with his brethren."

December 18th, 1813 "James Badgett privileged to take a text as a foundation to discourse from and that he go into the world at large."

He was ordained to the full work of the ministry on Saturday, Dec. 17th, 1814. He was examined by the presbytery consisting of Elders John Wilson and Nathan Riley, on the day previous Elder Wilson preached the ordination sermon from Col. 1: 18. "He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning" etc. He was installed as pastor of Coggin's Meeting House church (Big Creek) on the first Sunday in May 1817, when he took a letter of dismission from Tom's Creek church. Besides this he served another church below Little river. He also served Tom's Creek, Lick Creek, and Jersey. I am satisfied that he was pastor at Jersey when his affliction retired him from the work there. I learn that he suffered affliction about one year before his death.

He died on the 1st day of October, 1827, in the forty-second year of his useful life: and was laid to rest in a private grave yard on his farm, two and a half miles east of Jackson Hill, Davidson county, N. C. Although he preached funeral sermons when called upon by his friends, yet he was opposed to the custom, in consequence of which, no sermon was preached in his memory. Peace to his ashes.

HENRY SHEETS.

III.

ELDER ELI CARROLL.

Elder Eli Carroll was born in Anson county, N. C., on the 20th day of December, 1785. He descended from Benjamin and Nancy Carroll. About the year 1810, he wed Miss Catharine Burrage. The Lord blessed them with eight children: two of them, the second and fifth were buried in earliest infancy. Those that grew up were, Nancy, Benjamin, Sarah, Rebecca, and Catharine.

Elder A. P. Stoker married Rebecca. There is no record of his conversion. The earliest account we have of his christian life is, that he was a delegate to the Sandy Creek Association, in 1814. The old record of Jersey church, dated July 12th, 1817, says that Lick Creek church called for help from Jersey to aid in the ordination of Eli Carroll to the ministry. It is quite likely that he was ordained in July or August of 1817. He had been preaching about fifteen years when the anti-mission Baptists sprang off from the great body of their Baptist brethren. Thus while a few shrewd leaders had prejudiced a faction of our brethren against missions, Sunday School, education, etc., Elder Carroll was as true to the denomination as the needle to the pole. With unswerving devotion to the Master's cause, he stood with Benjamin Lanier, Wm. Burch, Jesse Sewel, Wm. Dowd, Eli Phillips and others. He stood up right loyally in the Abbott's Creek Union Association against the majority who had declared, said he, "All who held with Bible Societies, the Missionary Society or Sunday Schools to be out of their fellowship".

He was elected Moderator of the Liberty Association eight times: 1833–1840 inclusive. He preached the introductory sermon on three different occasions, 1834, '36, '39.

I suppose that he never removed his membership from Lick Creek church during his life time. It is quite probable that he was pastor at Lick Creek some time before the split, and perhaps all the time up to 1836 which is the first year that pastors' names were recorded as such.

In 1836, he was pastor of Lick Creek, Liberty and Holloway's churches. From this time up to 1842 when no further mention is made of his work, he was pastor of the churches named and also Big Creek and the last year at New Friendship.

On one occasion he had been out to hear Elder Phillip Snider an anti-mission preacher. That day they dined together, while at the table Elder Carroll querried Elder Snider: "Brother Snider why did you preach to-day?" Elder Snider replied very complacently, "To feed the sheep." "You needn't mind about that" said Elder Carroll "they will all come up at shearing time without that."

He departed this life, June 22nd, 1846, in the sixty-first year of his age: and was buried on the old homestead about two miles south-east from Lick Creek church.

HENRY SHEETS.

ELDER ALFRED KINNEY.

The subject of this memoir was the son of Christian Kinney. His mother's name could not be obtained. He was born July 2nd, 1801. He chose Miss Elizabeth Morris as his partner for life. As a result of this union, ten children were born to them—John, Leonard, Margaret, Berry, Daniel, Robah, Alfred, Caroline, David and William Pinkney.

The following inscription is found on the slab that marks his last resting place, in the grave yard at Lick Creek church.

Rev. Alfred Kinney,
Died April 13th, 1862.
Aged 60 yrs. 9 mos. and 11 dys.
He was a member of the
Baptist Church 34 years.
He was 22 years pastor
of
Lick Creek Church.

He was baptized on the fourth Sunday in June, 1828, and was ordained to the work of the ministry on the fifth Sunday in April, 1843, which was only nineteen years before his death. The above inscription ought to read nineteen instead of twenty-two.

The old minutes say that he was pastor at Lick Creek from 1843–1861 inclusive—nineteen years.

He was pastor of Holloway's eighteen years, 1844–1861. At New Friendship two years, 1848 and 1853. At Big Creek. Montgomery county, three years, 1859–1861: besides serving Kendall's and Ebenezer churches, in Stanly county.

Physically, Elder Kinney was low of stature and heavy build. When preaching, which was mainly hortative, he seemed to enter fully into his sermon. Being very much in earnest, he usually interested his hearers. He never had the good fortune to secure much education, but turned to good account what he did possess. He attended one of the first sessions of the Union Meeting of Liberty Association at Liberty church. He was appointed to preach. He introduced himself by saying "You will not hear much from the *onlorned* Dutchman to-day". An aged brother who heard him, said that he never saw a congregation so completely under the control of the preacher. Elder B. Lanier supposed that it was the best sermon of his life.

On another occasion at the same church, while attending an Association, Elder J. J. James suggested to him the propriety of keeping a dictionary at hand. "Bro. James" said he "I have the advantage of you; when you want a word, you have to go to the dictionary for it; I just make one and go on."

He had been a member of Lick Creek church about four years when the split between the Baptists was effected. Elder B. Lanier told the writer that Bro. Kinney went with the "antis" in the split. A year or two after the division, during a revival meeting, the door of the church was opened for the reception of members; and along with others who came forward was Bro. Kinney. Said he, "Brethren, I was wrong, I am sorry, I want to come back and be with you, if you will have me." Of course he was received back into fellowship and did faithful work as long as he lived.

The first mention of his name in the Associational record was at Holloway's in 1833. He was appointed on the committee of Finance. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

HENRY SHEETS.

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Second Annual Session

OF

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Pleasant Grove Church,

August 20, 21, and 22, 1895.

OFFICERS:

Moderator: JAMES SMITH, *Lexington, N. C.*
Clerk: ELDER HENRY SHEETS, *Lexington, N. C.*
Treasurer: ELDER THOMAS CARRICK, *Lexington, N. C.*

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION.

The next session will be held with Dentou Baptist Church, eighteen miles South of Lexington, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1896.

To preach Introductory Sermon: ELDER R. W. WEAVER.

Alternate: ELDER HENRY SHEETS.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Bennett, J. M.	Churchland,	North	Carolina.
Carrick, Thomas,	Lexington,	“	“
Cross, R. D.	Lexington,	“	“
Hall, S. W.	Thomasville,	“	“
Hamner, Wm. H.	Lexington,	“	“
Henderson, Geo. W.	Blaine,	“	“
Hilliard, J. M.	High Point,	“	“
Lancaster, J. F.	Oak Ridge,	“	“
Lanning, Jefferson,	Lexington,	“	“
Leach, M. J.	Lassiter,	“	“
Morton, H.	Thomasville,	“	“
Newton, J. D.	Thomasville,	“	“
Orrell, N. B.	Abbott's Creek,	“	“
Pugh, J. M.	Randleman,	“	“
Richardson, J. B.	High Point,	“	“
Sheets, Henry.	Lexington,	“	“
Stoker, A. P.	Denton,	“	“
Summey, J. A.	Hannersville,	“	“
Yarborough, Aaron,	Lexington,	“	“

LICENTIATES.

D. R. Myers, Daniel B. Rickard, F. L. Fidler, Lee W. Harris, and Samuel B. Wilson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Carrick, James Smith, A. P. Snider, C. M. Wall, and Henry Sheets.

STATISTICAL.

No. of churches in Association	25
No. represented by messengers	22
No. represented by letter	3
No. of messengers allowed	75
No. of messengers present	40
New churches received (Center Cross and Maple Springs)	2
No. churches reporting no Sunday school (Maple Springs, Marion, and Summerville)	3
No. of churches reporting Sunday schools	22
No, of Sunday school scholars and officers	1,450
Baptized this year	185
Total membership	2,407

PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, RANDOLPH COUNTY, N, C.,
August 20, 1895.

At 3 o'clock p. m. we arrived at the church from the train. After a song, Moderator Smith called the body to order, and Bro. R. D. Cross read the last verse of 12th and 13th chapters of I. Corinthians and then led in prayer.

The list of churches was then called and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

Abbott's Creek: C. H. Teague, D. D. Orrell and N. R. Teague.

Center Cross: John Cole, Noah Freeman.

Denton: L. A. Tysinger and W. T. Tysinger.

El Dorado: Lee W. Harris.

High Point: A. J. Dodemead, Arthur Ellison and R. C. Charles.

Holloway's: James F. Peters.

Jackson's Creek: T. F. Summey and C. F. Pierce.

Jersey: J. B. Palmer and L. A. Smith.

Kernersville: J. F. Lancaster.

Lexington: E. H. Maley, R. D. Cross and D. B. Rickard.

Liberty: R. B. Miller and G. Wilson Miller.

Lick Creek: B. C. Cole and W. Stokes Carrick.

Marion: By Letter.

Maple Springs: James Harper and Michael Ashworth.

Mt. Lebanon: J. G. Parks and M. J. Leach.

New Friendship: Felix Sink and J. P. Bodenhammer.

Oak Hill: Joseph P. Welborn.

Pine M. House: J. M. Bennett.

Piny Grove: C. M. Wall and S. W. Wall.

Pleasant Grove: H. G. Collins and J. H. Wilson.

Reed's X Roads: D. R. Myers and A. R. Craver, jr.

Rich Fork: By Letter.

Summerville: By Letter.

Thomasville: H. Morton.

Thomasville Baptist Orphanage Church: J. D. Newton.

After the enrollment of delegates, the body went into the election of officers. The following were re-elected:

Moderator, James Smith; Clerk, Henry Sheets; Treasurer, Thomas Carrick.

NEW CHURCHES.

An invitation was extended to new churches wishing to join this body. Petitions were handed in from two churches—Maple Springs and Center Cross—situate in the southern and southeastern portions of Randolph county. After they were received, the delegates were invited by the Moderator to come forward and receive the right hand of fellowship.

After the organization of the body, the letters were handed in and read, Brethren C. H. Teague and J. D. Newton acting as reading clerks.

VISITING BRETHREN.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. It was accepted by Bro. John Mitchell, representing the Board of Education; S. F. Conrad, from the Pilot Mountain Association; Bro. J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder; Prof. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; Rev. B. S. Peterson, agent for the North Carolina Baptist; Bro. C. Durham, corresponding secretary, etc., and Brethren. J. D. Hackney and W. E. Hackney, from the Sandy Creek Association.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Chair appointed the following:

On State Missions—C. Durham and George W. Henderson.

On Ministerial Education—John Mitchell and J. G. Parks.

On Periodicals—J. M. Hilliard and S. W. Hall.

On Foreign Missions—W. L. Poteat and J. P. Bodenhammer.

On Home Missions—H. Morton and C. M. Wall.

On Baptist Orphanage—N. B. Orrell and D. B. Rickard.

On Sunday Schools—M. J. Leach and Jefferson Lanning.

On Temperance—Lee W. Harris and J. F. Lancaster.

On Finance—R D. Cross and C. H. Teague.

On Place and Preacher—J. B. Palmer, S. W. Wall and J. M. Bennett.

To Nominate Executive Committee—J. A. Summey, J. P. Welborn and Felix Sink.

It was ordered that on to-morrow night the subject of general education be discussed, and that Prof. W. L. Poteat be asked to lead in the discussion.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed the following: G. W. Henderson, L. A. Smith, C. H. Teague, M. J. Leach, J. F. Lancaster and H Morton

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

J. M. Bennett; alternate, Henry Sheets.

Place of Next Meeting and Preacher.

The committee made its report, which, as amended, recommended Denton as the place and R. W. Weaver as the preacher; alternate, Henry Sheets

On motion it was ordered that State missions be made the special order to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and spend half an hour in religious exercises.

Benediction.

Night Session.

Met at 8 o'clock The introductory sermon was preached by Bro J. M. Hilliard from John 12: 26—"If any man serve me let him follow me. * * * If any man serve me, him will my Father honor"

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22

Religious exercises, conducted by Bro. S. F. Conrad. Read I. Cor. 16 ch. on Christian liberality. He gave some striking illustrations, encouraging Christians to greater sacrifice. On motion, ministerial education was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon,

The committee made the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We realize that far too few of the members of our churches take any part in the support of our denominational work.

We believe this want of interest among our people, and their failure of more rapid development, to be largely owing to the lack of proper information concerning the work which, as a denomination, we have before us.

As fast as our people learn of the needs and great possibilities of our denominational enterprises, just so rapidly will our ranks be filled with zealous and efficient workers. Therefore, we would recommend that our pastors, who are, of necessity, the leaders of our people, would put forth an extra effort during the coming year to secure more readers than ever before of our denominational literature.

The Recorder, which for sixty-one years has been the organ of our Convention, and with its growth of years we trust has grown in efficiency as a medium for useful and interesting information about all of our work, ought to be in fifteen thousand Baptist homes in our State.

We are gratified that the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal are to be united, and that we are to have a first-class mission journal.

"Charity and Children" is to be enlarged and improved, and will continue to be an important factor in the work of the Orphanage. We earnestly urge that our people take and read these papers, commending, too, the North Carolina Baptist and any other paper true and loyal to Baptist work and Baptist principles.

This able and interesting report was spoken to by B. S. Peterson, J. C. Caddell, Prof. W. L. Poteat and C. Durham. Adopted. The body then sang a song.

Bro. C. Durham read the able

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In the State mission work this year, 92 Baptist preachers are engaged for part or all of their time. They are located in 27 out of the 45 associations in our Convention, and preach to about 400 congregations. Eight new churches have been organized and eleven houses of worship dedicated. About $4,500 have been given on this work up to date, and it is hoped that the entire $15,000 needed in this department will be secured by the next Convention. In this Association there is yet need for this kind of mission work and a number of brethren have been engaged in it during the past year.

Rev. H. Sheets preaches once a month at Kernersville, and the appropriation is $50 to this place.

Rev. H. Morton preaches once a month at Denton, and the appropriation is $30.

Rev. John A. Summey preaches at Oak Hill and Lebanon, and the appropriation to these two places is $45.

Rev. A. P. Stoker preaches at Rock Springs, and the amount given is $25 to this place.

These brethren are all doing faithful work, and are being blessed of the Lord in it. It is hoped that at each of these places, in the near future, self-sustaining churches will be gathered.

There are other places which ought to be occupied as soon as we are able to do it. The Convention determined to secure for this work this year, if possible, fifteen thousand dollars, but the Board could use wisely three times this amount in State missions. Enlarged opportunities are now before us in this work, and the contributions ought to be enlarged to meet the opportunities.

Respectfully,

C. Durham.
G. W. Henderson.

Pending the motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bro. C. Durham.

Adjourned two hours for dinner.

Moderator Smith called the body to order. Bro. J. F. Lancaster led in prayer.

Five minutes was devoted to routine work. Letter from Lick Creek was read.

On motion, it was agreed to report on the Baptist Orphanage immediately after the adoption of the report on ministerial education.

Bro. John Mitchell read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report the following, which is substantially the report adopted by the Central Association at its late session.

1. *The Education of Ministers.*—The first object of the Baptist State Convention, as stated in its Constitution, is the education of young Baptist preachers. There is not now, and there has not been for sixty years, any more important object before the associations which co-operate with the Convention. The Liberty Association has throughout its history warmly sympathized with and liberally contributed to this work. But there has never been a time when sympathy and contributions have been more needed than now. The men aided by the Board of Education and the work done by these men are an unanswerable argument for the value of the system and the wisdom of the methods of the Board. Very many young ministers, licensed by their churches, commended by their neighbors, and unable to secure education without aid, are now asking the Board for help. This can be given only through the gifts of the members of the churches. Shall these gifts be withheld, and these young Baptist preachers be denied the chance of attending school?

2. *Wake Forest College.*—Every Baptist in the State has a property right in this institution. The Trustees are seeking to administer its affairs with wisdom and economy. They appeal to every Baptist in the State to co-operate with them in helping, in every way possible, to adapt the College to the needs of our own people. The completion of the endowment of the Royal Chair, especially, is commended to the beneficence of the members of the churches.

3. *Colleges for Women.*—It is to be hoped that by September, 1896, the new college in Raleigh will be opened. A large, commodious and beautiful building is in process

of erection, a large amount of money has been subscribed, and popular interest in the enterprise is increasing. That provision should be made for its wants needs neither argument nor exhortation.

The old, well established institutions at Oxford and Murfreesboro are well managed, well equipped, and worthy of the patronage of all Baptists. Any young Baptist woman who desires a liberal education can secure it at one or the other of these colleges.

4. *Academies.*—There is no distinctively Baptist academy located in our Association. It is to be hoped that ere many years shall elapse each association will found, endow and cherish a first-rate co-educational academy. This, however, is not likely to come to pass until some fundamental educational questions be settled. Meantime there are at least seven well organized Baptist academies in other associations. And in our own, as well as in other associations, there are good schools taught by Baptist men and women. These, as well as others, should receive our hearty support.

5. *Common Schools.*—These are the main reliance of the great majority of the children of the State for their knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic, etc. They are far from being as efficient and useful as they might be made. It is our duty as Christians no less than as citizens to urge and labor for their improvement.

6. *The Claims of Christian Education.*—The future of civilization in America depends, in no small degree, on the extent to which distinctively Christian education shall be encouraged. The State has no more right to supply it on Wednesday in a college, male or female, than it has to provide it in a church on Sunday. Education, so far as it is distinctively Christian, must be furnished on the voluntary principle or not at all.

Within the last few years a number of the Christian institutions in North Carolina have been placed on the defensive by the policy of some who have been acting in the name of the State. The resistance which these institutions have made has been forced upon them. It has been successful, to a great extent, up to the present. It has, incidentally, been very useful in that, as a result, in part, of the almost universal discussion of the principles involved, there has been a more general revival of interest in popular education than has ever been known in North Carolina.

The necessity for this resistance is to be deplored ; but so long as the necessity shall continue, the attitude of resistance ought to be maintained. To submit without a protest to what we believe to be unjust and wrong, and to allow the efficiency of our institutions to be impaired without seeking to defend them, is neither manly, Baptistic, nor Christian. But our protests and defence need be none the less manly because they are Christian in spirit, in expression, and in method.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MITCHELL,
J. G. PARKS,
Committee.

This able and most excellent report was discussed by Brothers John Mitchell, J. M. Bennett, S. F. Conrad, J. D. Newton. After taking pledges the report was adopted.

Bro. S. F. Conrad was allowed seven minutes to present the claims of Ruffin and Walnut Cove churches.

Amount raised $12 50, in cash and pledges.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by D. B. Rickard.

ORPHANAGE.

The Bible definition of true religion is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one the least of these, ye did it unto me." The 130 orphans in the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville are entirely dependent for food and clothing upon the voluntary contributions of the Baptists of our State. To train these helpless children of our dead brethren and sisters, in their bodies, minds and spirits, is a duty we owe our God and our country, to say nothing of the great benefit to the children themselves. Many helpless orphans are knocking at the door of our institution who cannot be admitted for lack of room. God has been in this blessed work in the days past, and he has made it a blessing to the orphans and to those who have contributed to its support. Thirty-four joined the church during the past year, and many bright Christians are found among them. The health of the orphans during the past year has been remarkably good. Let us pray for and help this gracious cause.

N. B. ORRELL,
D. B. RICKARD,
Committee.

The report was discussed by D. B. Rickard, S. W. Hall, Henry Sheets, J. M. Hilliard, Thomas Carrick, J. D. Newton.

After the discussion, pledges from the churches were taken, amounting to $226. Cash collection amounted to $5,00. The report was then most heartily adopted.

[NOTE.—It is desirable that every member of this Association make a liberal contribution this year, in cash or kind.]

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The committee to nominate this Board named the following brethren: James Smith, A. P. Snider, Thomas Carrick, C. M. Wall, and Henry Sheets. Recommendation adopted.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock to-night. Benediction by M. J. Leach.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by J. M. Hilliard.

That portion of the report on education which refers to *general* education was discussed in a masterly way by Prof. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College. He was followed in a short address by Bro. C. Durham. After which the report in full was adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Religious exercises, conducted by Bro. J. F. Lancaster.

Reading 1st Psalm. J. M. Hilliard in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Report on Foreign Missions was read by J. P. Bodenhammer.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. It is the one great need of mankind in all climes and under all conditions. Our Lord, when he was on earth, did not undertake to reach in his own person the world with his truth, but devoted himself largely to the preparation of the Twelve for that work. Just before leaving them he formally commissioned them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Since that day the obligation to bring men everywhere to the knowledge of the truth has rested upon all of them that have believed on his name through the word of these first disciples. That obligation rests upon each member of the churches of this Association. The work which has been done by us during the past year would seem to indicate that our churches do not realize their responsibility in this matter. Inasmuch as the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom is the great business of the churches, shall we not determine, with God's help, to double our contributions to foreign missions the coming year?

We have reason for gratitude to God for the success which has attended the ministrations of his servants in distant lands during the year just past. The following summary will indicate in part what has been done under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention:

Missionaries, 91; native assistants, 89; churches, 85; membership, 3,493; baptisms, 581; schools, 15; scholars, 707; Sunday scholars, 1,503; receipts of the Foreign Mission Board, $129,582; contributions from the native churches, $6,458.

W. L. POTEAT,
J. P. BODENHAMMER,
Committee.

Pending the motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by J. M. Bennett, R. D. Cross, Henry Sheets, J. D. Hackney, H. Morton, W. E. Hackney, M. J. Leach.

The report was discussed by J. M. Bennett, R. D. Cross, Henry Sheets, J. D. Hackney, H. Morton, W. E. Hackney and John A. Summey. After pledges were taken for next year's work, the report was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the clerk prepare a table showing whether the different churches have failed to pay up pledges or whether overpaid.

The report of the Treasurer was summitted and adopted. See report elsewhere.

The finance committee reported through Bro. R. D. Cross. See report elsewhere.

Bro. Henry Sheets offered the following preambles and resolutions:

Whereas, the State Mission work in Liberty Association seems to be on the decline, and

Whereas, we have had no official report from the Executive Board, of the work and labor performed, therefore,

Resolved, that the executive committee be asked to make a full, itemized report of its work, in order to stimulate our people to greater interest in this work. Adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order. Opened with a song and prayer.

Ordered that the clerk be allowed $10.00 for his services and that he have as many minutes printed as the remainder of the money will pay for.

Report of Home Missions read by H. Morton.

REPORT.

The work of the home mission board is a very important part of our mission work and we see in a clearer light this fact as we see the accumulation in our large cities, the foreigners bringing with them their anarchy, their Romanism and want of morals. We must evangelize them or they will to an alarming degree destroy the morals of our boasted civilization. The receipts of our board have been greater this year than any preceding year except the centennial. And it is especially gratifying to note that there has been an increase of contributions from every state with one exception within the limits of our Southern Baptist Convention. The number of missionaries has been larger than in any preceeding year, and the baptisms on mission fields have exceeded by over five hundred those of any other year in our history.

Brethren let us enter with renewed energy upon the Home Mission work of the ensuing year as we firmly believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will solve every difficulty and overcome every obstacle that seems to be in the way. We would therefore urge that the Gospel shall be preached to foreigners and that mission schools and churches be founded among them.

A. MORTON,
C. M. WALL,
Committee.

During the remainder of the session, the speakers were limited to ten minutes.

Remarks were made by brethren Morton, Hilliard, Cross and Sheets. Pledges taken and report adopted.

The following report was read by Bro. Jefferson Lanning:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee are glad to report that nearly all of the churches have Sunday Schools. We feel safe in saying that the enemies are giving way to a large extent, and the door is open for the Master's work. We recommend that each church and pastor look after all the destitution within their reach and that we give of our time, means and prayer to the Lord, in behalf of the Sunday School work.

JEFFERSON LANNING,
M. J. LEACH,
Committee.

Short speeches were made to this report by Lanning, Hilliard, D. R. Myers, J. F. Lancaster, C. H. Teague, A. P. Stoker, Summey and Sheets.

The above report was amended by the following: We recommend the Quarterlies and Lesson Helps published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion to all of our Sunday Schools in the Liberty Association. Report adopted.

Elder J. D. Newton wishing to do some voluntary work as colporteur, within the bounds of the association, is hereby commended to the kindly consideration of our people.

Bro. Henry Sheets offered the following:

MINISTER'S RELIEF BOARD.

Dear Brethren of Liberty Association:—We have not yet learned the importance of the work of this Board as we ought.

It is hoped that all of our churches will, during the Associational year, take at least one collection for this work.

The Board has been in active operation four years. During this time there has been 21 beneficiaries. Six of these brethren have died and two widows have married, leaving 13 on our list at present whom we are trying to support as the churches enable us by their contributions to do. Three of these beneficiaries have been received since the last convention. We have received since the convention only $174.64, but we hope to have this amount greatly increased before the convention meets again, or we shall fall very far behind what we gave last year, and we will be utterly unable to afford to these aged servants of God the aid they are expecting, and so much need.

Let us do our whole duty in this time of need and the Lord's blessing will follow. HENRY SHEETS.

This was spoken to by brethren Henry Sheets, J. M. Bennett and Deacon A. P. Snider, after which, it was adopted.

Elder J. E. Lancaster read the report which follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The question of temperance has often been brought to the notice of our churches and associations and its importance warmly advocated and recommended as a praisworthy work, but sad to say so little real temperance work has been done by the pastors and churches in the bounds of our association. Dear brethren your committee feels satisfied that temperance will never be a success till the

people of God take hold of it in the spirit of determination. Oh! brethern of the Liberty Association, we beseech you no longer tamper with a foe that has so long infested our land and our churches, spreading devastation and ruin in our midst. May God help us to look upon this question in the light of His truth, and aid His people in driving this evil out of our land.

J. F. LANCASTER,
LEE W. HARRIS,
Committee.

A spirited discussion followed the reading of the above report, participated in by D. B. Rickard, A. P. Snider, J. M. Bennett, H. Sheets and brother Mendenhall of the Methodist church. Adopted.

Appointed that Bro. R. D. Cross preach in this house to-night at 8 o'clock.

Bro. Sheets was asked to tender the thanks of this body to the brethren and sisters of this church and to all kind friends generally who aided in the support of delegates and visitors during the sitting of this body. All were handsomely entertained; the session both pleasant and profitable and many will recollect their visit to this place during life. Thus ended the sixty-second annual sesssion of Liberty Association.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.
HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

To amount for State Missions	$180.85
“ “ “ Foreign Missions	61.21
“ “ “ Home Missions	36.83
“ “ “ Education	72.32
“ “ “ Orphanage.	2.56
“ “ “ Colportage from last year	5.85
“ “ “ Colored Preachers Institutes	1.16
“ “ “ Ministers Relief Fund	2.47
“ “ “ Minute Fund	26.43
	$389.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid on State Missions	$180.85
“ “ “ Foreign Missions	61.21
“ “ “ Home Missions	36.83
“ “ “ Education	72.32
“ “ “ Orphanage	2.56
“ “ “ Colored Preachers Institutes	1.16
“ “ “ Ministers Relief Fund	2.47
“ “ “ Minute Fund	26.43
Balance on hand for colportage	5.85
	$389.68

THOMAS CARRICK, Treasurer.

The following is the Report on Finance.

CHURCHES.	State Missions,	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education	Minute Fund.	Orphnage.	Ministers Relief.	Total.
Abbott's Creek,	4 53		2 00	3 00	2 00			11 53
Denton,	1 22				70			1 92
El Dorado,	2 00	1 63	1 00	65				5 28
High Point,					2 00			2 00
Holloway's,	9 84	2 02		5 00	2 50			19 36
Jackson's Creek,		92	08		75			1 75
Jersey,					1 50			1 50
Liberty,	30	1 00	1 00	1 00	75			4 05
Lick Creek,	3 75	1 21	89	1 00	1 65			8 50
Marion,					30			30
Maple Springs,					35	50		85
Mt. Lebanon,	2 00	1 00	1 00	27	50			4 77
New Friendship,					3 00			3 00
Pine Meeting House,	5 00			6 17	2 01			13 18
Piny Grove,					1 35			1 35
Kernersville,	1 10				1 00			2 10
Oak Hill,	2 00	50			50			3 00
Reed's X Roads,	3 34				1 11			4 45
Rich Fork,					45			45
Pleasant Grove,					1 50			1 50
Lexington,	1 80	25		25	3 00			5 30
Thomasville,	2 50	2 25			50			5 25
Orphanage,	1 38	1 00			25		40	3 03
Summerville,	1 00		1 00					2 00
Center Cross,					80			80
Public Collection,						5 09		5 09
	41 76	11 78	6 97	17 34	28 47	5 59	40	112 31

Signed by R. D. Cross, }
C. H. Teague, }

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	S. S. SUPTS.	SUPTS. P. O.	Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies & papers taken	School Expenses
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague	Abbott's Creek	7	70		55	$ 6 00
Center Cross	John Cole	Pisgah	3	27		48	1 57
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton	5	60			
El Dorado	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado	5	30			
High Point	N. W. Beeson	High Point	9	66		215	61 77
Holloway's	Berry R. Cross	Silver Hill	6	65		52	4 00
Jackson's Creek	T. F. Summey	Lytton	4	35		24	65
Jersey	W. C. Roach	Linwood	7	60		58	2 79
Kernersville	J. R. Joyce	Kernersville	6	57		312	8 96
Lexington	C. W. Tr ce	Lexington	10	60		200	36 00
Liberty	R. B. Miller	Hannersville	8	104	100	70	2 80
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringle's	10	74		75	4 00
Maple Springs							
Marion							
Mt. Lebanon	J. G. Parks	Lassiter	3	25		25	1 80
New Frien'ship	Felix Sink	Salem	7	60		40	5 00
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore	5	33			1 75
Pine M. House	R. K. Williams	Tyro Shops	8	83	31		3 82
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg	6	65		70	10 50
Pleasant Grove	W. G. Barker	Randleman	7	75		116	15 00
Reed's X Roads	A. E Myers	Michael	7	65	72	60	5 00
Rich Fork	Wm Bowers	Jimes	7	40		30	3 60
Summerville							
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn	Thomasville	6	20		30	
T. Baptist Orph			5	135			
			141	1309	202	1480	175 01

PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 189 .

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage
Abbott's Creek,	6 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	15 00
Center Cross,	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	1 00
Denton,	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	5 00
El Dorado,	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	2 00
High Point,	15 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	25 00
Holloway's,	15 00	6 00	4 00	7 00	15 00
Jackson' Creek,	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Jersey,	15 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	20 00
Kernersville,	10 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00
Lexington,	20 00	20 00	16 00	20 00	25 00
Liberty,	5 00	7 50	2 00	3 00	5 00
Lick Creek,	8 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Maple Springs,	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00
Marion,		1 00			
Mt. Lebanon,	2 00	2 00	1 00		
New Friendship,	12 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Oak Hill,	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Pine Meeting House,	20 00	15 00	5 00	7 00	30 00
Piny Grove,	10 00	11 00	4 00	3 30	10 00
Pleasant Grove,	10 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	10 00
Reeds X Roads,	8 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	15 00
Rich Fork,	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	5 00
Summerville,	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00
Thomasville,	5 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	10 00
Tho'ville Bap. Or. Ch.					
Union Meeting,	40 00			10 00	
New Rock Spring,		1 00			

Pine Meeting House 10.00 for B. and Green,

TABLE SHOWING PLEDGES MADE LAST YEAR AND WHETHER OVERPAID OR UNDERPAID.

Churches.	Foreign Missions.				State Missions.				Home Missions.				Education.			
	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Underpaid.	Pledged	Paid.	Overpaid.	Underpaid.	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Underpaid.	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Underpaid.
Abbott's Creek,	2	2			8	7 53		47	2	2			3	3		
Denton,	2			2	2	2 10	10		1			1				
El Dorado,	1	1 63	63		2	2				1				65		
High Point,	15	10		5	15	60	45		15			15	15	10		5 00
Holloway's,	5	1 42		3 58	14	14			4	4			7	4 58		2 42
Jackson's Creek	1 50	92		58	1			1	1	8		92	1			1 00
Jersey,	10	5		5	15	15			5	4 47		53	10	10		
Kernersville,	8	6 75		1 25	15	1051		4 49	5	2 80		2 20	5	4 42		58
Lexington,	20	1332		6 68	40	1359		2641	16	1022		5 78	20	1383		6 17
Liberty,	5	2		3	5	2		3	2	1		1	3	1		2 00
Lick Creek,	5	3 56		1 44	8	5 75		2 25	2	2			3	1		2 00
Marion,	50			50												
New Friendship,	6	136	7 60		10	10			5	8 69	3 69		5	8 11	3 11	
Oak Hill,	1	50		50	2 50	2		50	1			1				
Pine M. House,	12	1001		1 99	25	1735		7 65	5	2 11		2 89	10	6 18		3 82
Piny Grove,	7	1032	3 32		5	9 54	4 54		3	3 88	88		3	3 30	30	
Pleasant Grove,	3	5	2		10	10			2	5	3		2 50	2 50		
Reed's X Roads	2	2			8	8			3	3			2	2 57	57	
Rich Fork,	2				2				2				2			
Summerville,	1	1			1	1										
Thomasville,	5	2 25		2 75	5	2 50		2 50	2	3 65	1 65		2	2 16	16	
T. Bap. Or. Ch.	3	1 65		1 35	3	1 18		1 82	1	2	1		1	2 00	1 00	
Mt. Lebanon,	3	1		2	2	2			1	1			1	27		73
Union Meeting,					40	40							10	10		

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1895.

Churches.	Clerks.	Clerk's P. O.	Added.				Lost.							
			Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Total.	Dis'd by letter.	Excl'ded	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total membership.	Sundays of preaching
Abbott's Creek,	C. H. Teague,	Abbott Creek, N.C.	7			7	2			2	45	91	136	3
Center Cross,	W. W. Cole,	Pisgah, “											30	
Denton,	L. A. Tysinger,	Denton, “	3			3	2	1	1	4	14	24	38	2
El Dorado,	H. A. Henderson,	El Dorado, “	1			1	1		1	2	22	52	74	2
High Point,	A E. Prim,	High Point, “	21	8		29	3			3	63	87	150	1 2 3 4
Holloway's,	Berry R Cross,	Silver Hill, ‘	5			5	2	4	1	7	65	125	190	2
Jackson's Creek	J. F Pierce,	Jones' Mine, “	7			7		1		1	29	47	76	3
Jersey,	G. W. Palmer,	Linwood, “	6		2	8		2	3	5	73	87	160	3
Kernersville,	M. Ballard,	Kernersville, “	19	1	1	21	1	4	1	6	22	52	74	2
Lexington,	R T. Hamner,	Lexington, “	11	4	1	16	13	1		14	78	94	172	2 4
Liberty,	J. M. Easter.	Light, “	3	2		5	9	6	2	17	73	126	199	2
Lick Creek,	B. C. Cole,	Bringles, “	11			11	5	1	1	7	50	69	119	4
Maple Springs,	W. W. Harper,										9	19	28	2
Marion,	R. S. Green,	Lexington, “		2							6	4	10	
Mt. Lebanon,	James G. Parks,	Lassiter, “	12	1		13	1			1	8	24	32	2
New Friendship.	S. A. Hege,	Salem, “	12	1	1	14	4	2	7	13	65	96	161	4
Oak Hill,	M. F. Underwood,	Wheatmore, “	13			13	2			2	13	24	37	1
Pine M. House,	S. C. Beck,	Churchland, “		2	2	4	7	24	2	33	72	150	222	1 3
Piny Grove,	C. M. Wall,	Wallburg, “	6	2		8	1			1	20	32	52	1
Pleasant Grove,	J. H Wilson,	Randleman, “		6		6	5	1	1	7	30	48	78	1
Reed's X Roads	A. R. Craven, Jr.,	Michael, “	14	2		16	1	5	3	9	51	83	134	4
Rich Fork,	J. F. Clinard,	Thomasville, “							1	1	32	57	89	4
Summerville,													35	1
Thomasville,	C. G. Strayhorn,	Thomasville, “		2		2	6			6	8	21	29	
T. Bap. Or. Ch.	Miss Ada Coble,	Thomasville, “	34	7		41	7			7	41	71	112	1 2 3 4
			185	40	7	230	72	52	24	148	889	1483	2407	

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1894.

Churches.	Pastors.	Pastors P. O.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Thomasville Bap. Orph.	Minister's Relief Fund.	Minute Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor of the Church.	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard	High Point	$7 53	2 00	2 00	3 00	$5 00	$	$2 00	$	$	$ 25 00	$ 100	$ 146 53
Center Cross									80			325 00	25	350 80
Denton	H. Morton	Thomasville	2 10						70	11 00		65 00	70	148 80
El Dorado	Jefferson Lanning	Lexington	2 00	1 63	1 00	65				7 95		6 00	40	59 23
High Point	Rufus W. Weaver	Greensboro	60	10 00		10 00			2 00			80	650	732 80
Holloway's	J. M. Bennett	Churchland	14	1 42	3 36	7 00			2 50			87 60	100	215 63
Jackson's Creek	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado		92	8				75	7 00			30	38 75
Jersey	Thos. Carrick	Lexington	15	5 00	4 47	10 00	10 00		1 50	16 00			125	186 97
Kernersville	Henry Sheets	Lexington	10 51	6 75	2 80	4 42		1 00	1 00			37 54	125	189 02
Lexington	Thos. Carrick	Lexington	13 59	13 32	10 22	13 83	34 38		3 00	38 34	7 00	575 13	400	1,108 81
Liberty	J. M. Hilliard	High Point	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00			75	75	1 85	4 00	100	113 35
Lick Creek	H. Morton	Thomasville	5 75	3 56	2 00	1 00			1 65			12 00	75	100 96
Maple Springs	G. W. Henderson	Blaine	55				50		35					1 40
Marion									30					30
Mt. Lebanon	John A. Summey	Hannersville	2 00	1 00	1 00	27			50				55	59 77
New Frien'ship	Henry Sheets	Lexington	10	13 60	8 69	8 11		3 60	3 00	10 90			112	169 90
Oak Hill	John A. Summey	Hannersville	2 00	50					50	5 25		7 50	50	65 75
Pine M. House	John M. Bennett	Churchland	17 35	10 00	2 11	6 18			2 01	14 00			200	251 65
*Piny Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington	9 54	10 32	3 88	3 30		2 04	1 35	5 74		14 00	100	150 17
Pleasant Grove	Thos. Carrick	Lexington	10	5 00	5 00	2 50			1 50	16 00		10 00	125	175 00
Reeds X Roads	J. M. Hilliard	High Point	8 00	2 00	3 00	2 57			1 11	8 00	3 49		100	128 17
Rich Fork	Jefferson Lanning	Lexington	1 51	1 51	1 51	1 51	1 08		45	3 00	3 00	25 00		38 57
Summerville	Geo. W. Henderson	Blaine	1 00		1 00									2 00
Thomasville	No Pastor		2 50	2 25	3 65	2 16		40	50	8 71		3 50		23 67
T. Bap. Or. Ch	J. D. Newton	Thomasville	1 18	1 65	2 00	2 00			25	19	3 30			10 57
*Paid $2.04 to Students Fund Theo. Seminary.			198 11	94 43	58 77	79 50	50 96	7 04	28 47	152 83	16 64	1,198 07	2,582 00	4,468 57

APPENDIX.

Biographical Sketches.

Elder Nathan Riley's Life and Ministerial Labors.

His father, Nathan Riley, married Anna Crook. The subject of this sketch was born in Loudon county, Virginia, from which place his parents emigrated to what is now Davidson county and settled on the head waters of Tom's Creek. He was born Oct. 29th, 1776. Some time in the year 1798 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Briggs. They were blessed with a numerous family of children—four sons and seven daughters, namely: John, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Anna, Mary, Sarah, Nancy, Nathan, William, Rhodias and Eliza.

Of his early life we know but little. Possibly he made a profession of faith in early life. The first account we have of his religious life is that he joined Jersey church by letter, July 4th, 1807.

On the 19th day of March, 1808, Swearing Creek church (Jersey church), of which he was a member, set off an arm, near his home, which was named Tom's Creek.

Sept. 17th, 1811, Nathan Riley was appointed to secure help to constitute this arm into a church, which was done on Sunday, the 20th day of October, 1811, Elders John Gilbert and Bennet Solomon being present, by invitation.

He had begun to preach, and, June 20th, 1812, Elders George Pope and John Gilbert were invited as a presbytery to examine Mr. Riley with a view to ordination, on Sunday, June 21st, 1812. The presbytery being satisfied with his qualification, Elder Pope preached the sermon from Num. 27 : 16, 17 : "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the Lord be not as sheep which have no shepherd," and then was solemnly set apart by the imposition of hands. And then took charge of the flock and most probably continued with them till his death, which occurred Dec. 5th, 1827.

There is no record of his having served but one other church. July 19th, 1817, the church at Tom's Creek received "a request from Jersey church for a part of Elder Riley's time, which was granted." It seems that his church first joined the Sandy Creek association in September, 1812, and that he was a delegate to that meeting. Later on he was sent by his church to aid in the constitution of Liberty church as an arm of Tom's Creek church, October, 1824. He was engaged in ministerial work until the time of his death—some fifteen or sixteen years. His funeral sermon was preached by a Mr. Hodge.

As preachers were scarce in his day, the churches seemed to keep their pastors longer than is customary now. His work is now done, his labors ended, he having passed over the river and resting, as we trust, "under the shade of the trees."

HENRY SHEETS.

Elder Azariah Williams==His Life And Work.

Elder Williams was born, reared and died in Davidson county, North Carolina. His residence was some two miles from Lexington, the county seat, on the road to Winston-Salem.

So far as we can learn, he never did any pastoral work outside of his county. He was received into Reed's X Roads church, "on a former petition," Nov. 9th, 1839. Probably he had been approved for baptism before the church was constituted, which event took place Oct. 12th, 1839.

It is recorded, Dec. 7th, 1839, that he "tendered his services to the church as pastor, which being received, is adopted by the same." Most likely he only offered to hold religious services at their church meetings till a pastor could be had, for we find that on Oct. 9th, 1841, he was "granted liberty to exercise in public by exhortation." He was duly ordained Oct. 13th, 1844, Elders W. H. Hamner, Richard Jacks and Samuel Smith serving as a presbytery.

"May 8th, 1847, Azariah Williams was chosen pastor at Reed's church for the remaining part of the year." He was pastor of this church for ten years, at Marion twelve years, and at Pine Meeting House one year.

In August, 1856, he was chairman of a committee to report on the Baptist State Convention. We find a ringing report in support of the work being done—sending the gospel to the heathen and the "education of the rising ministry." It has the ring of the true metal.

During the late war, 1860–64, he was made President of the Bible Society of Liberty Association. This society had for its object the procuring and sending of Bibles to the soldiers in the army.

Elder Williams had, for his day, a large and well selected library—much larger than was common for country preachers of his day. His reading was varied and extensive. In the delivery of his sermons his style was conversational. He was said to be rather slow and painstaking in whatever he did, but was regarded as a most accurate man. This all grew out of the fact that he was not emotional in his nature.

He preached the introductory sermon of Liberty Association at Big Creek church in 1849. He served as clerk of the association twenty-two years, up to the time of his death, Nov. 7th, 1865. He was born July 9th, 1806, and was therefore in his sixtieth year. His mother, Mary Williams, died Dec. 30th, 1845.

Mr. Williams was married to Catharine Allen, Dec. 24th, 1844, and as a result of this union ten children were born to them, namely: Robert Franklin, James Allen, Mary Jane, William McAlpin, Charlotte Angeline, Adoniram, Sallie Catharine, Lugenia Clarissa, Charles and Mary. His wife died May 10th, 1865. He was county surveyor for several years. He was regarded as an exemplary citizen. He was a good man and served his day and generation well.

HENRY SHEETS.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

DENTON BAPTIST CHURCH,

AUGUST 18, 19 AND 20, 1896.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

JAMES SMITH, Moderator	Lexington, N. C.
ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Clerk	Lexington, N. C.
ELDER THOMAS CARRICK, Treas	Lexington, N. C.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT SESSION·

The session in 1897, will convene with Piny Grove Baptist church, 7 miles north of west, from High Point, N. C., on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August.

Elder W. H. Rich to preach the Introductory Sermon. Alternate, Thos. Carrick.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.:
CHARITY AND CHILDREN,
1896.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, 1896.

BENNETT, J. M	Churchland,	N. C.
BOONE, J. B	Thomasville,	"
CARRICK, THOMAS	Lexington,	"
HAMNER, W. H	Lexington,	"
HENDERSON, G. W	Blaine,	"
HARRIS, LEE W	Eldorado,	"
LANCASTER, J. F	Oak Ridge,	"
LANNING, JEFFERSON	Eldorado,	"
LEACH, M. J	Lassiter,	"
MORTON, H	Thomasville,	"
NEWTON, J. D	Thomasville,	"
OBRELL, N. B	Abbott's Creek,	"
PUGH, J. M	Randleman,	"
SHEETS, HENRY	Lexington,	"
STOKER, A. P	Denton,	"
SUMMEY, J. A	Hannersville,	"
YARBROUGH, AARON	Lexington,	"

LICENTIATES.

D. R. Myers, Daniel B. Rickard, Samuel B. Wilson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thomas Carrick, James Smith, A. P. Snider, C. M. Wall and Henry Sheets.

CONDENSED STATISTICS.

Number of Churches in Association	24
" represented by messengers	17
" represented by letter	6
" of Churches not represented	1
" of messengers allowed	72
" of messengers present	39
" of Churches reporting no Sunday Schools, viz., Summerville, Oak Hill and Marion.	3
" of branch schools reported	2
" of Sunday school scholars and officers	
" Baptized this year	86
Total membership	2,433
Amount expended for all purposes	$3,753.38

PROCEEDINGS.

DENTON CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 18th, 1896.

On account of inclement weather, the body did not meet till 12 o'clock M The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Henry Sheets from Isaiah 35 : 1-2.

INTERMISSION OF ONE HOUR FOR DINNER.

The Association was called to order by Moderator Smith. Bro. John Mitchell conducted religious exercises by reading the 1st Psalm, and then led in prayer.

Brethren C. H. Teague and John R. Miller were appointed reading clerks.

The letters were then called for, and names of delegates enrolled as follows :

ABBOTT'S CREEK—C. H Teague, J. S. Spurgeon and Noah R. Teague.
CENTER CROSS—Noah Freeman and W. W. Boon.
DENTON—J. A. Snider, W. T. Tysinger and J. C. Bean.
ELDORADO—J. A. Henderson, S. G. Blackwelder and W. A Russell.
HIGH POINT—Early Brooks.
HOLLOWAY'S—D. H. Cross, J. M. Lomax and H. J. Palmer.
JACKSON'S CREEK—By letter.
JERSEY—Z. T. Sharp and W. C. Roach.
KERNERSVILLE—By letter.
LEXINGTON—By letter.
LIBERTY—J. R. Miller and J, M. Easter.
LICK CREEK—P. N, Snider, John A. Kinney and W. S. Carrick.
MAPLE SPRINGS—Not represented.
MARION—By letter,
MT. LEBANON—By letter.
New Friendship—Lewis Wilson, J. O. Teague and S. B. Wilson.
Oak Hill—M, F. Underwood.
Pine M. House—R, L. Buie, R. K. Williams and W. C. Barnes
Piny Grove—S. W. Wall and John W, Hine.
Pleasant Grove—J. M, Pugh and Alfie Olive.
Reed's Cross Roads—W. W. Myers and C. R. Myers.

Rich Fork—J. H. Mills.
Summerville—Travis Davis and Reuben Carroll.
Thomasville—By letter.
Thomasville Baptist Orphanage Church—Ivey Allen.

After enrollment the body proceeded to the election of officers. The following were all re elected: James Smith, Moderator; Henry Sheets, Clerk, and Thomas Carrick, Treasurer.

VISITING BRETHREN WERE ASKED TO REPORT THEMSELVES.

Bro. John E White, Cor. Sec. of Baptist State Convention; J. C. Caddell, Travelling Correspondent of Biblical Recorder; J. W. Bailey, Editor of Recorder; J. W. Cobb, Travelling Correspondent of the North Carolina Baptist; John Mitchell, of the Central Association, and Agent of Education Board, reported and were invited to seats in the body.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

State Missions—John E. White and C. W. Wall.
Misisterial Education—John Mitchell and Jefferson Lanning.
Periodicals—Thos. Carrick and S. B. Wilson.
Foreign Missions—S A. Hege and George W. Henderson.
Home Missions—R. K Williams and N. R. Teague.
Baptist Orphanage—J. A. Summey and L. A. Tysinger.
Sunday Schools—J. H Mills and C. H. Teague.
Temperance—M J. Leach and J. M. Pugh.
Finance Committee—John R. Miller and W. S. Carrick.
Place and Preacher—A. P. Snider, Z. T. Sharp and W. A. Russell.
To Nom. Ex. Board—M. J. Leach, F G. Blackwelder and Z. T. Sharp.
Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

On motion, State Missions were made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The special order for 10 o'clock is Periodicals.

Thomas Carrick and A. P. Stoker were appointed a committee on Minister's Relief Fund.

At this juncture, the committee on Place and Preacher

REPORTED

that Piny Grove be the place and Bro. W. H. Rich to preach the sermon; Bro. Thos. Carrick, alternate. Report adopted.

Bro. John E White in a few well chosen remarks desired that our churches patronize the Sunday School Supply Store at Raleigh, stating that the churches could procure the literature of them as cheaply as they could procure it of the Publication House and twenty per cent. of the money would go into the State Mission Treasury. Will not *every* church from this time on purchase from them?

Bro. J. H. Mills raised the point, that our Sunday schools ought to secure large print — Bibles and Testaments—that the children would read them more than fine print.

DELEGATES TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Henry Sheets, James Smith and Thos. Carrick. Alternates, John A. Summey, Jefferson Lanning and John R. Miller.

DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

J. M. Bennett. Alternate, J. H. Mills.

Agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend a short while in religious service.

Bro. John E. White was appointed to preach in this house to-night.

Benediction by Bro. J. W. Cobb.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19TH.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro. J. W. Cobb, reading the 12th chapter of Romans, followed by song and prayer service.

High Point church asked for a letter of dismission to join the Piedmont Association. Request granted.

It was ordered that Ministerial Education be made the special order for 3 o'clock this P. M.

Home Missions made the special order immediately after dinner.

Bro. J. H. Mills read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Bible is a map of the road from earth to Heaven, and all who are making the journey of life should study that book diligently and faithfully. To understand it we must be able to pronounce difficult words correctly and know their meaning. Then we must study the lessons and apply them to our conduct in life. To do this we must meditate on it when alone, use all the helps in our reach and enjoy the instruction of competent teachers. Hence the necessity of Sunday schools for the study of the Bible. Efficient teachers are indispensable, lesson helps are useful ; but the Bible should be in the hands of the old and of the young, and its pages should be as familiar as the story of the boy in the apple tree.

We therefore recommend a Sunday school, not only in every church, but in every neighborhood, and that every person connected with it own and study a Bible. The classes should be taught to read the Bible correctly and then to learn the lessons taught therein. At the same time good music, and moral recitations should make the Sunday school attractive.

J. H. Mills.
C. H. Teague.

Interesting speeches were made on this excellent report by J. H. Mills, John E. White, J. W. Bailey and John Mitchell. Report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The necessity for our people to be better informed concerning all the objects of our Conventional work becomes more and more apparent as the years go by. No one can feel a large share of interest in what he knows nothing about. Our brethren and sisters who keep in touch with our Denominational enterprises, by availing themselves of the best sources of information concerning them, are their strongest friends and most generous helpers. Realizing this we earnestly urge that our brethren provide their homes with all the good literature possible. The Biblical Recorder for more than sixty years has been the recognized organ of the Baptist State Convention, and through all of these years has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principles and Baptist progress.

It is the opinion of your committee that the paper was never more efficient than it is now, and we hope that as many of our brethren, as can, will secure its weekly visits into their homes. We also recommend the N. C. Baptist as worthy of the patronage of our people. "Charity and Children" is designed to furnish specific information concerning our Orphanage at Thomasville, and we commend this paper to the liberal support of our churches and Sunday schools.

The Foreign Mission Journal, published monthly, is full of useful information concerning our Foreign Mission work. By reading this journal our knowledge of this work can be constantly broadened and our zeal for the salvation of the heathen, by sending them the gospel, constantly increased.

THOS. CARRICK, } Com.
S. B. WILSON,

The report was ably supported in speeches by Editor J. W. Bailey, J W. Cobb and Bro. J. B. Boone. Adopted.

Bro. C. M. Wall read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In the State Mission work this year 94 Baptist preachers are employed for a part or all of their time. They are located in 30 Associations and preach to about 450 congregations. 36 of these Missionaries are located in the Western section, 34 in the Eastern and 24 in the middle section of the State. The Lord has very richly blessed the labors of these brethren this year. It is anticipated from reports in hand that more baptisms will be reported to the Convention than at any period of the history of our State Mission work.

A number of brethren have been doing mission work in the bounds of this Association.

Rev. H. Sheets preaches once a month at Kernersville and the appropriation is $50.00 to the place.

Rev. H. Norris preaches once a month at Denton. Appropriation is $30.00. Rev. John A. Summey preaches at Oak Hill and Center Cross. Appropriation $20.00 to each place.

Rev. Geo. L. Merrell at Lebanon. Appropriation $20,00.

These brethren are doing faithful work. It is hoped that at each of these points at an early day there will be a self sustaining church in sympathy with the work at other destitute places and contributing to the support.

The Convention authorizes the expenditure of $15,000 this year. Not quite $2,000 is yet in hand. We earnestly call upon our brethren and the churches to rally to the help of this greatest work of our Convention upon whic hall our other interests are based.

Nine weeks now remain before the Convention. Much earnest work must be done or the cause will suffer, Our missionaries must be paid, the work must go on, the cause of Christ, dear to every true Baptist heart, must not lag or falter.

North Carolina for the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, is our motto. We urge upon all the churches of Liberty Association to do more for State Missions than last year.

JNO. E. WHITE, } Com.
C. M. WALL,

Bro. Thos. Carrick offered the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to remove from his work, since the last session of our Association, our beloved brother Dr. C. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention ; therefore,

Resolved 1st, That in the death of this dear brother we have lost one of the ablest defenders of the cause of Christ, and most efficient workers in the Baptist State Convention, and especially in the department of State Missions.

Resolved 2d, That, while this providence is dark and mysterious and heart-rending, we submit, with bowed heads and sad hearts, to this mysterious dealing of our God with his people.

Resolved 3d, That this sad record be printed in our Minutes in connection with the report on State Missions.

THOS. CARRICK.

Remarks were submitted on the report, preamble and resolutions by John E. White, Henry Sheets, Thomas Carrick, J. H. Mills, G. W. Henderson.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

Benediction by J. B. Boone.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Missions Board is a very important part of our work. We recommend that the churches take greater interest in the Home Mission work—establishing churches and contributing to the Home Misson work, for in so doing the people will become more enlightened and will increase the contributions to this object. We do earnestly recommend that our pastors bring this subject before the people and thus secure their co operation in the greatest in our denominational work.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. TEAGUE, } Com.
R. K. WILLIAMS, }

The above report was spoken to by Jno. E. White, J. C. Caddell, Thos. Carrick. After pledges had been taken, the report was adopted.

Bro. John Mitchell submitted the report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committe call attention to the following extracts from the constitution of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

1. "The primary object of the Convention shall be, to educate young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong."

2. "The Education Board shall, so far as it is able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the gospel."

The education of our ministers has been from the first one of the most important objects of the convention, and never more important than now.

Much has been done, and more remains to be done. The work of the Board has been signally blessed The ministers aided, and the work done by them, are an unanswerable argument for the value of the system, and the wisdom of the methods of the Board.

Thirty-six young ministers were aided last session, and it is hoped we may be able to aid about the same number next session. This will depend upon the contributions from the churches, The Board is now $1,000 behind, but this can be paid soon, and the work go on, if the churches will be prompt and liberal in their contributions More than a score of young ministers are now asking for aid whom we have not been able to receive for the lack of funds.

Brethren, shall we not help these poor young ministers in this time of need? For the Master's sake let us help them in their noble efforts to prepare themselves for the great work to which the Lord has called them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL, } Com.
JEFF. LANNING, }

After speeches by brethren John Mitchell and Thos. Carrick, the report was adopted.

The committee to name the Executive Board, recommended those appointed last year, viz., Thomas Carrick, James Smith, A P. Snider, C M. Wall and Henry Sheets.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

To-morrow morning 9:30 o'clock, Minister's Relief Fund. At 10 o'clock, Foreign Missions. At 11 o'clock, Baptist Orphanage. Appointed that Bro J. W. Cobb preach in this house to-night.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by N. B. Orrell.

LAST DAY—THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20TH.

Religious exercises conducted by Bro S. B. Wilson. The body was called to order. Bro. Thomas Carrick led in prayer.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

To amount for State Missions	$ 210	61
" " " Eoreign Missions	49	47
" " " Home Missions	30	05
" " " Ministerial Education	47	20
" " " Baptist Orphanage	5	59
" " " Colportage since last year	5	83
" " " Minister's Relief Fund	5	37
" " " Student's Fund, Louisville, Ky	10	39
" " " Minute Fund	28	02
Total	$ 392	53

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid on State Missions	$ 210	61
" " " " Foreign Missions	49	47
" " " " Home Missions	30	05
" " " " Ministerial Education	47	20
" " " " Baptist Orphanage	5	59
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" Balance on hand for Colportage	5	83
Total	$ 392	53

THOS. CARRICK,
Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported that $5.83 remained in the treasury with no colporteur in the field. It was ordered that this amount by paid to the Board of Sunday Schools and Colportage for the work of colportage.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Education.	Minute Fund.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief	Female University	Total.
Abbott's Creek,			2.00		2.50				4.50
Denton,			2.00	1.00	.85	5,00			8.85
Eldorado,	2.00	2 00	1.00	.55	.33	2.13	1 40		9.41
High Point,					1.00				1.00
Holloway's,	9.40	79		3 55	1 59				15 33
Jackson's Creek,		1 00	1.00		.30	.78			3.08
Jersey,					1,05				1.05
Liberty,					1.41				1.41
Lick Creek,	3,25		2.15	2.13	1.57	1.96		83	11.88
Marion,									
Maple Springs,					.25				.25
Mt. Lebanon,	1.25	2 00			.25				3.50
New Friendship,					2.75				2.75
Pine M. House,	2 22			3.60	1.15				6.97
Piny Grove,					1.50				1 50
Kernersville,					1.00				1.00
Oak Hill,	.79	1 11			.50				2.40
Reed's X Roads,	2.96		2.00	2.50	.75				8.21
Rich Fork,			1.21	2.00	.49				3.70
Pleasant Grove,					1.00				1.00
Lexington,	1.00				3.05	.40			4.45
Thomasville,					.50				.50
Orphanage,					.50				.50
Summerville,					.60				.60
Center Cross,				.50	.75				1.25
Total	22.87	6 90	11.36	15 83	25.64	10.27	1 40	83	95.10

JNO. R. MILLER,
W. S. CARRICK, } Com.

It was ordered that the Clerk be allowed $10 for his services, and that the remainder be paid for printing of all the Minutes it will pay for.

Bro. Carrick read the following

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF BOARD.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the men who have worn out their lives preaching the gospel on small salaries and at destitute points, largely without compensation, and who are now enfeebled by the weight of years and who have no means of support in their old age. Many of these preachers have done noble service for the Master. They have toiled and sacrificed until now they cannot support themselves and those depending upon them, hence they need, and deserve, help at the hands of their brethren. A number of these aged servants of God and some of their widows have been helped during the past year, but the funds sent up for this object have been so limited that the Board could not do all that it desired. Your committee would recommend that every pastor in this Association be urged to take, at least, one collection during the year for the benefit of this deserving object.

THOS. CARRICK.
A. P. STOKER.

Remarks were made on this report by brethren Carrick, Sheets, Cobb, Henderson, Summey, Miller and Leach. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature was the divine commission of our Lord and master given to his disciples, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. We feel that this gospel should be sent to all nations, and as already the work is being successfully carried on by our Board, we feel encouraged to do greater things along this line of work, and shall not onr churches be encouraged to increase their pledges for this work and more earnestly enter into the spirit of Foreign Missions ? The following figures may show to some extent the work our Board is doing in foreign lands :

We have 91 missionaries ; native assisstants, 89 ; churches, 85; membership, 3,493 ; baptisms about 600 ; schools, 15 ; pupils in schools about 800 ; Snnday schools, 1,503 ; receipts Foreign Mission Board, $129,582 ; contributions from native churches, $6,458.

G. W. HENDERSON, } Com.
S. A. HEGE, }

Speeches were made to this report by brethren J. B. Boone, H. Sheets, G. W. Henderson, M J. Leach and C. M. Wall.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The work at the Orphanage is progressing fairly well. The last report shows an increased number of orphans—144. Collections for current expenses were only $3.27 less than expenditure. The work on the Central Building was begun last Monday. While quite a liberal amount has been contributed for this building, still there is some lacking. The Central Building means an increase of orphans, and of course our current expenses will be greater.

Let us remember the fatherless ones among us and give to them a cheerful and liberal support.

J. A. SUMMEY, } Com.
L. A. TYSINGER, }

After speeches by brethren Boone and Ivey Allen, pledges were then taken—followed by a public collection amounting to $4 38

Then the report was adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. John R. Miller.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

If it is the duty of Christians to let their light shine before the world ; if the great object of the church on earth is to win the world for Christ, then there is no doubt as to what should be our attitude toward the temperance question.

No man can let his light shine for Christ and liquor at the same time. No man can lead others to the Master, if he himself, in any way, aids in promoting the cause of intemperance. The church, morality and civilization, can make no step toward a higher and nobler plane of life, but what intemperance and the liquor traffic stands square in the way defying progress.

Therefore we urge that our churches take a pronounced stand against this great evil—not in words and RESOLUTIONS, but in ACTIONS. We hold that no man can be a consistent follower of Christ, who in any way, aids in the manufacture, sale, or use of intoxidating liquors as a beverage.

M. J. LEACH, } Com.
J. M. PUGH, }

This report was spoken to by Bros. M. J. Leach, J. M. Pugh and Henry Sheets, after which it was adopted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Bro. John R. Miller offered the following:

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained it.

Thus closed a good session of the Liberty Association. Good, because it was pleasant and harmonious.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Woman's Mission Society of Thomasville Baptist church paid this year as follows:

Home Missions	$ 5 00
State Missions	5 71
Aid to church	16 00
Yates Memorial	3 30
Total	$ 30 01

MRS M. B. REINHART, Pres.

MISS EUNICE E. MORTON, Sec.

Woman's Mission Society of Lexington Baptist church paid this year as follows:

Yates Memorial	$ 7 50

MISS ROXIE SHEETS, Pres.

MRS. J. K. HAWKINS, Sec.

PLEDGES BY CHURCHES OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR 1897.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage,	Totals.
Abbott's Creek,	$ 7 00	$ 5 00	$ 2 00	3 00	15 00	32 00
Center Cross,	1 50	1 50	1 25	50	1 00	5 75
Denton	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	13 00
Eldorado	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	8 00
Holloway's	15 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	35 00
Jackson's Creek	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	....	5 00
Jersey	15 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	50 00
Kernersville	10 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	10 00	35 00
Lexington	20 00	20 00	16 00	20 00	25 00	101 00
Liberty	5 00	7 50	2 00	3 00	5 00	22 50
Lick Creek	8 00	5 00	2 50	2 50	5 00	23 00
Maple Spring	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	4 50
Mt. Lebanon	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	....	5 50
New Friendship,	15 00	12 00	6 00	6 00	25 00	64 00
Oak Hill	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	11 00
Pine M. House	12 00	15 00	5 00	7 00	15 00	54 00
Piny Grove	10 00	11 00	4 00	3 50	10 00	38 50
Pleasant Grove	10 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	10 00	33 50
Reed's X Roads	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 50	....	14 50
Rich Fork	....	....	....	....	....	....
Summerville	1 00	....	50	....	....	1 50
Thomasville	5 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	27 00
Orphanage.	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	35 00
Union Meeting	40 00	....	....	10 00	....	....
Total	201 00	133 00	74 25	93 00	168 00	669 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR 1896.

CHURCHES.	Sunday School Superintendents.	Superintendent's Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Expenses of School.
Abbott's Creek..	D. D. Orrell......	Abbott's Creek, N. C.	8	82	....	54	$ 6 00
Center Cross....	John Cole........	Quinine, "	5	21	....	30	1 00
Denton..........	L. A. Tysinger...	Denton, "	7	80	....	86	3 20
Eldorado	F. G. Blackwelder	Eldorado, "	7	69	....	72	4 39
High Point......	N. W. Beeson....	High Point, "	10	52	127	110	40 72
Holloway's	No School.......	reported.	....	....	....	....	....
Jackson's Creek	Franklin Summey	Lytton, "	4	15	....	20	50
Jersey	W. C. Roach....	Linwood, "	5	80	....	60	3 00
Kernersville	J. R. Joyce......	Kernersville, "	8	35	....	70	6 44
Lexington	C. W. Trice......	Lexington, "	10	65	150	175	36
Liberty	John R. Miller...	Hannersville, "	8	65	100	60	2 45
Lick Creek......	P. M. Snider.....	Bringle's, "	7	65	....	75	4 00
Marion	No School.......	reported.	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Lebanon....	R. Cagle.........	Pisgah, "	4	25	....	....	....
*New Friendship	Felix Sink.......	Salem, "	7	60	....	40	8 00
*Centerville.....	J. P. Bodenham'r	Salem, "	10	121	....	75	14 57
*Pleasant Fork..	Wm. Thomas....	Salem, "	7	60	....	50	4 00
Oak Hill........	No School.......	reported. "	....	....	....	....	....
Pine M. House..	S. C. Beck.......	Churchland, "	6	40	31	70	1 87
Piny Grove.....	C. M. Wall......	Wallburg, "	6	65	....	65	8 00
Pleasant Grove.	A. J. Olive.......	Randleman, "	7	40	....	70	11 00
Reed's X Roads	A. R. Craver....	Michael, "	9	70	....	65	5 00
Rich Fork......	Wm. Bowers.....	Jimes, "	7	60	....	35	4 00
Summerville....	No School.......	reported. "	....	....	....	....	....
Thomasville	W. M. Morton...	Thomasville, "	5	30	50	....	5 00
Orphanage ch...	Ivey Allen.......	Thomasville, "	6	147	....	166	....
Total.......			153	1347	450	1448	$133 50

* Branch schools.

TABLE SHOWING PLEDGES MADE LAST YEAR AND WHETHER OVERPAID OR UNDERPAID.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.				State Missions.				Home Missions.				Bap. Orphanage.				Min. Education.			
	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Uunder-paid.	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Under-paid.	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Under-paid.	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Under-paid.	Pledged.	Paid.	Overpaid.	Under-paid.
Abbott's Creek	5 00	5	....	....	6	6	....	....	2	2	....	....	15	23 50	8 50	....	3	5 25	2 25	....
Center Cross	1 00	....	....	1	1	1 31	31	....	1	1	....	....	1	1	....	....	50	50	....	....
Denton	3 00	3	....	....	2	2 26	26	....	2	2	....	....	5	5	....	....	1	1	....	....
Eldorado	2 00	2	....	....	2	2	....	....	1	1	....	....	2	2 13	13	....	50	55	05	....
High Point	20 00	....	....	20	15	12	....	3	15	....	....	15	25	....	....	25	15	....	....	15
Holloway's	20 00	3	....	17	15	11 16	....	3 84	4	2 36	....	1 64	15	3 24	....	11 76	7	3 50	....	3 50
Jackson's Creek	2 00	1	....	1	1	1 09	09	....	1	1	....	....	1	78	....	22	1	....	....	1
Jersey	10 00	10	....	....	15	15	....	....	5	5 47	47	....	20	....	....	20	10	10	....	....
Kernersville	5 00	10 50	5 50	....	10	9 78	....	22	3	4 48	1 48	....	5	11 38	6 38	....	5	3	....	2
Lexington	20 00	3 11	....	16 89	20	3 85	....	16 15	16	2	....	14	25	13 01	....	11 99	20	2 48	....	16 52
Liberty	7 50	7 50	....	....	5	5	....	....	2	2	....	....	5	5	....	....	3	3	....	....
Lick Creek	7 00	6 54	....	46	8	6 25	....	1 75	3	2 14	....	86	10	4 12	....	5 88	3	2 13	....	87
Maple Spring	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marion	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Lebanon	2 00	2	....	....	2	1 25	....	75	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Friendship	10 00	17 07	....	7 07	12	12 93	93	....	5	8 68	3 68	1	10	46 39	36 39	....	5	5	....	....
Oak Hill	2 00	1 11	....	89	2	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	5	....	....	5	1	....	....	1
Pine M. House	15 00	2 71	....	12 29	20	12	....	8	5	2 21	....	2 79	30	11 65	....	18 35	7	3 60	....	3 40
Piny Grove	11 00	18 10	7 10	....	10	12 80	2 80	....	4	6 70	2 70	....	10	16	6	....	3 30	5	1 70	....
Pleasant Grove	6 00	4 26	....	1 74	10	15 50	1 50	....	5	5 18	18	....	10	10	....	....	2 50	2 75	25	....
Reed's X Roads	5 00	5	....	....	8	4 70	....	3 30	3	2	....	1	15	2 25	....	12 75	5	2 50	....	2 50
Rich Fork	3 00	2	....	1	2	2	....	....	2	1 79	....	21	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	2
Summerville	1 00	40	....	60	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	2	....	....	1
Thomasville	7 00	4 63	....	2 37	5	9 95	4 95	....	3	7 69	4 69	....	10	5 63	....	4 37	2	1 13	....	87
Orphanage ch.	....	6	....	....	....	75	....	....	....	9 80	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 61	....	....
Union Meeting	....	....	....	....	40	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	10	....	....

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1896.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.		Added.				Lost.							
				Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total membership.	Sunday of Preaching.
Abbott's Creek...	C. H. Teague.....	Wallburg,	N. C.	6	1	2	9	....	3	....	3	44	99	143	3
Center Cross.....	W. W. Cole......	Quinine,	"	10	....	....	10	....	3	1	4	13	24	37	3
Denton...........	L. A. Tysinger...	Denton,	"	4	....	1	5	....	....	....	....	16	27	43	2
Eldorado	H. A. Henderson.	Eldorado,	"	....	2	....	....	....	2	1	3	19	52	71	2
High Point.......	A. E. Prim.......	High Point,	"	1	10	....	11	14	....	1	15	57	83	140	1,2,3 4
Holloway's	Berry R. Cross..	Silver Hill,	"	3	....	....	3	1	1	2	4	64	127	191	2
Jackson's Creek.	J. T. Pierce......	Jones Mine,	"	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	26	52	78	3
Jersey	G. W. Palmer....	Linwood,	"	5	6	....	11	2	3	2	7	79	85	164	3
Kernersville	M. E. Ballard...	Kernersville,	"	5	....	....	5	....	2	....	2	22	52	74	2
Lexington........	Albert E. Sheets.	Lexington,	"	....	2	....	....	9	....	....	9	72	92	164	......
Liberty	J. M. Easter.....	Light,	"	1	....	....	1	1	7	3	11	65	124	189	2
Lick Creek.......	B. C. Cole.......	Bringle's,	"	2	....	....	2	2	2	1	5	45	67	112	4
Maple Spring....	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	......
Marion...........	R. S. Green......	Lexington,	"	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	8	......
Mt. Lebanon.....	J. G. Parks......	Lassiter,	"	5	....	....	6	....	2	....	2	10	26	36	2
New Friendship..	S. A. Hege.......	Salem,	"	11	....	....	11	....	....	3	3	....	....	165	4
Oak Hill.........	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore,	"	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	13	23	36	1
Pine M. House...	S. C. Beck.......	Churchland,	"	....	....	....	....	9	4	1	14	73	150	223	4
Piny Grove......	C. M. Wall......	Wallburg,	"	4	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	22	34	56	1
Pleasant Grove..	J. H. Wilson.....	Randleman,	"	5	1	....	6	....	1	....	1	32	50	82	1
Reed's X Roads.	A. R. Craver.....	Michael,	"	5	3	2	10	6	....	2	8	52	84	136	1
Rich Fork.......	J. F. Clinard.....	Thomasville,	"	....	....	....	....	3	1	....	4	31	52	83	......
Summerville	George Frank....	Marsh,	"	3	2	....	5	2	....	....	....	17	39	56	......
Thomasville	C. G. Strayhorn.	Thomasville,	"	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	7	21	28	2, 4
rphanage ch.....	....	....		16	4	....	20	14	....	2	16	41	77	118	1, 3
Total..........	....	....		86	31	5	119	65	32	21	115	820	1440	2433	

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1896.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund.	Minute Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor of the Church.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard	High Point, N. C.	6	5	2	5 25	23 50	2 75	2 50	......	......	11 75	100	158 75
Center Cross	John A. Summey	Hannersville, "	1 31	......	1	50	1	......	75	2	......	......	70	76 56
Denton	H. Morris	Palmersville, "	2 26	3	2	1	5	......	80	12	......	67 75	75	168 88
Eldorado	Jefferson Lanning	Eldorado, "	2	2	1	55	2 13	40	33	40	......	......	40	43 81
High Point	M. L. Kesler	High Point, "	12	......	......	......	......	......	1	35	3	......	600	651
Holloway's	J. M. Bennett	Michael, "	11 16	3	2 36	3 50	3 24	......	1 65	11 60	......	400	100	536 51
Jackson's Creek	Lee W. Harris	Eldorado, "	1 09	1	1	......	78	......	35	5 90	......	......	30	40 12
Jersey	Thos. Carrick	Lexington, "	15	10	5 47	10	......	......	1 05	9 50	......	28	125	204 02
Kernersville	Henry Sheets	" "	9 78	10 50	4 48	3	11 38	3	1	10 72	......	54 06	125	232 92
Lexington	No Pastor	......	3 85	3 11	2	3 48	13 01	2 70	3 05	33 49	......	......	122	186 74
Liberty	Thomas Carrick	Lexington, "	5	7 50	2	3	5	......	1 41	......	......	......	75	98 91
Lick Creek	H. Morris	Palmersville, "	6 25	6 54	2 14	2 13	4 12	......	1 62	......	......	......	75	97 80
Maple Spring	Not represented	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Marion	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mt. Lebanon	G. L. Merrill	Troy, "	1 25	2	......	......	......	......	25	......	......	......	45	48 50
New Friendship	Henry Sheets	Lexington, "	12 93	17 07	8 68	5	46 39	4 20	2 75	11 05	......	5 29	125	238 36
Oak Hill	John A. Summey	Hannersville, "	2	1 11	......	......	......	......	50	4	......	......	50	57 61
Pine M. House	Thos. Carrick	Lexington, "	12	2 71	2 21	3 60	11 65	......	1	......	1	......	150	184 17
Piny Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington, "	12 80	18 10	6 70	5	16	4	1 50	1 11	......	29 25	100	194 46
Pleasant Grove	Thos. Carrick	Lexington, "	15 50	4 26	5 18	2 75	10	......	1	20	10	8	143	215 69
Reed's X Roads	J. M. Bennett	Michael, "	4 70	5	2	2 50	2 25	......	75	11 37	......	48 68	100	177 25
Rich Fork	No Pastor	......	2	2	1 79	......	......	......	......	1	......	2 50	......	9 29
Summerville	No Pastor	......	......	40	......	......	......	......	60	......	......	......	......	1
Thomasville	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, "	9 95	4 63	7 69	1 13	5 63	......	50	6 51	20 43	......	......	56 53
Orphanage ch.	" " "	......	75	6	9 80	2 61	......	......	50	......	......	7 15	42 81	69 62
Total	......	......	145 58	114 93	69 50	55 00	161 08	17 05	24 86	175 71	34 43	662 43	2292 81	3753 38

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

PINE GROVE CHURCH,

August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1897.

Officers of the Association.

Moderator and Treas.—JAMES SMITH, Lexington, N. C.

Clerk—ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Lexington, N. C.

Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session.

The next session will be held with the church at Rich Fork, three miles west of Thomasville, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1898: Elder J. H. Lamberth to preach the Introductory sermon: Alternate, Elder Henry Sheets.

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, 1897.

Beeker, S. J.,	Michael, N. C.
Bennett, J. M.,	Michael, “
Boone, J. B.,	Thomasville, “
Henderson, G. W.,	Blane, “
Harris, Lee W.,	ElDorado, “
Lamberth, J. H.,	Lexington, “
Lancaster, J. F.,	Oak Ridge, “
Lanning, Jefferson.	ElDorado, “
Leach, M. J.	Lassiter, “
Morton, H.,	Thomasville, “
Newton, J. D.,	Thomasville, “
Orrell, N. B.,	Abbott's Creek, “
Rich, W. H.,	Thomasville, “
Sheets, Henry,	Lexington, “
Stoker, A. P.,	Denton, “
Summey, J. A.,	Hannersville, “
Yarbrough, Aaron,	Lexington, “

LICENTIATE.

John R. Miller.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. H. Rich, James Smith, A. P. Snider,
C. M. Wall, and Henry Sheets.

CONDENSED STATISTICS.

Number of Churches in Liberty Association,	23.
“ represeted by messengers,	22.
“ of Churches not represented,	1.
“ of messengers allowed,	69.
“ messengers present,	43.
“ of Churches reporting no Sunday School,	4.
“ of Sunday school officers,	133.
“ of Sunday school scholars	1247.
“ baptized this year,	126.
Total membership this year,	2277.
Amount expended for all purposes	$3,428.23.

Proceedings of Liberty Association.

Piny Grove Baptist Church, Davidson County, N. C., August 17th 1897.

The Liberty Baptist Association met with this church to-day in its sixty-fourth Annual Session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. H. Rich, from Subject: "Bible Missions."

INTERMISSION FOR DINNER.

After the body had convened, Elder John Mitchell read the Scripture and led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. M. Hillard and John R. Miller as reading clerks. Delegates were then enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek: C. H. Teague, J. P Traynham and D. H. Bodenhammer.
Center Cross: Noah Freeman, G. W. Cole.
Denton: Willie Snider and B. S. Kearns.
ElDorado: William A. Russel.
Holloway's: L. C. Lomax, J. M. Prim and H. J. Palmer.
Jackson's Creek: Cicero Laughlin, E. W. Harris and Lee Laughlin.
Jersey: J. B. Palmer, C. C. Carrick and G. W. Palmer.
Kernersville: J. F. Lancaster.
Lexington: A. L. Yarbrongh B. F. Saintsing and T. P. Lopp.
Liberty: D. H. Hepler, Daniel M. Summey and J. A. Hepler.
Lick Creek: P. M. Snider and Zeb V. Daniel.
Mapel Springs:
Marion: R. S. Green.
Mt. Lebanon: M. J. Leach and W. A. Strickland.
New Frendship: W. R. Rominger and H. F. Motsinger.
Oak Hill: J. P. Welborn and M. F. Underwood.
Orphanage Church: J. B. Boone.
Pine Meeting House, W. T. Davis and W. D. Green.
Piny Grove: Joseph Rothrock, Andrew Hine and S. W. Wall.
Reed's Cross Roads: A. E. Myers.
Rich Fork: Wm. Bowers and R. C. Clinard
Summerville:
Thomasville: H. Morton.

THE MODERATOR APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTES:

On State Missions: John E. White and J. M. Prim.
" Ministerial Education: John Mitchell and G. W Palmer.
" Periodicals: J. B. Boone and N. B. Orrell.
" Foreign Missions: J. H. Lamberth and S. W. Wall.
" Home Missions: J. M. Bennett and W. A. Russell.

On Baptist Orphanage: W. H. Rich and C. H. Teague.
" Sunday Schools: Jefferson Lanning and A. E. Myers.
" Temperance: John R. Miller and W. R. Rominger.
" Finance: D. H. Hepler and J. M. Hilliard.
" Place and Preacher for next session: J. F. Lancaster, M. F. Underwood and W. T. Davis.
On Minister's Relief Board: J. C. Caddell and A. P. Snider.
" Committee to name Executive Board: John R. Miller, H. J Palmer and M. J Leach.
On Reliegious exercises: Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

After the enrollment of messengers, the association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Bro. James Smith was re-elcted Moderator and Bro. Henry Sheets was continued as clerk. The body also voted the office of Treasurer upon the Moderator.

An inviatation was extended to visiting brethren. The following brethren reported and were invited to seats with us: Elder John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention; Elder John Mitchel from Central Association, representing the Board of Education; Bro. J. C. Caddell, Agent for Biblical Recorder; Elder J. A. McKaughan of Tar River Association and representng the North Carolina Baptist, and Elder H. A. Brown of Pilot Mountain Association.

The Pleasent Grove Church made application for a letter of dismission to unite with the Piedmont Association, which was granted.

Delegates to State Convention.

Henry Sheets, W. H. Rich and Thos. Carrick.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention: J. B. Boone. Alternate—Samuel A. Hege.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a committee of Arrangement; J. B. Boone, Thos Carrick and S. W. Wall.

It was announced that Elder John E. White would preach in this house to-night at 8 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock and spend half an hour in religious exercises.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Religous exercises were conducted by Elder J. H. Lamberth.
The Moderator called the body to order.
Elder J. B. Boone read the report.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.

WEDNESDAY 18TH.

Religious exercise, 9 to 9:30, a. m.
1. Routine business 9:30 to 10, a. m.
2. Periodicals 10 to 10:30, a. m.
3. State Missions 10:30 to 11:30, a. m.
4. Orphanage 11:30 to 12:30, a. m.
5. Education 2 to 3, p. m.
6. Foreign Missions 3 to 3:30, p. m.
7. Miscellaneous 3:30 to 4, p. m.

THURSDAY 19TH.

Religious exercise 9 to 9:30, a. m.
1. Routine business 9:30 to 10, a. m.
2. Sunday School 10: to 10:40, a. m.
3. Home Missions 10:40 to 11:30, a. m.
4. Temperance 11:30 to 12 a. m.
5. Miscellaneous 12, m.—adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B Boone,
S. W. Wall, } Com.
Thos. Carrick,

Bro. Boone read the Report on Periodicals.

This is preeminently a day of periodicals, every kind and character of an broadcast like autumn leaves over the land, care and great prudence should be exercised in regard to the kind of literature that we allow to come into our homes.

We can heartily recommend the Biblical Recorder, from which no uncertain sound has gone forth during the period of more than a half century, for which time it has been the organ of the Baptist hosts. It has never been as vigorous and sprightly as at the present.

We also recommend Charity and Children as a medium of communication between the Orphanage and our Churches and people, by which the necessary information can be obtained concerning the operations of the Orphanage.

The North Carolina Baptist is in the field and appeals for your patronage and supports.

We recommend the Foriegn Nission Journal and the Home Field for information on Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Boone,
N. B. Orrell, } Com.

Bro. John R. Miller offered the following Amendment:

The Church Worker, edited by Elder H. Sheets is in the field and claims our consideration. It costs only 20 cents per year and is well worth the money.

Remarks on this report were submitted by brethern J. B. Boone, J. C. Caddell and J. A. McKaughan. The report was adopted.

Bro. J. M. Prim read the report on State Missions.

Our State Mission Board has this year 88 Missionaries at work on the destitute fields in our convention. God has richly blessed their labors. Slowly but surely we believe, the truth as it is in Christ is gaining headway and hold in the dark corners of the State.

Many points heretofore aided by the Board have now become self-sustaining and are likely under the blesing of God to be amoug our strongest and most liberal Churches. Our present force of missionaries is not at all adequate to care for the great destitution that prevail in many sections of North Carolina.

One million of immortal souls are outside of Christ and his Church in the State.

In many counties one can travel throughout an area of 50 to 100 miles without finding a Baptist Church. With the ability of our people and the progress we have made in the past twenty years largely gained through our State Mission work, we ought in the next ten years to double our force of Missionaries, for in spite of our progress and the growth and developement of Christian people there are to-day more unsaved men and women in North Carolina than ever in all the States history.

In the Liberty Association there is destitution which should be closely looked after.

At Asheboro we believe the time has come for us to plant a Church. The Executive Committee of this Association and our State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools should send a capable Missionary to this field for all his time, and the Churches of this Association should then join together to build there a suitable house of worship.

What we are as a people, what we have become in the face of opposition and persecution in North Carolina, we owe to Gods recognition of the spirit of sacrifice and devotion which has characterized our people in spreading his gospel and we may be sure that if we consecrate our lives and property to the work of giving the Gospel to the destitute in North Carolina, He will still bless us and give great prosperity to our Zion.

Jno. E. White, } Com.
J. M. Prim, }

Bro. John E. White, our Corresponding Secretary, made an effective speech in support of the report. At the close of which, a cash collection was taken amounting to $8.12. The Churches then made pledges for next year. The report was then adopted.

Bro. W. H. Rich read the report on Baptist Orphanage.

Our Orphanage is located within the bounds of this Association. There are several home-like buildings in the center of which is the large new Central building where the 160 children go to school.

Each dormitory is in charge of a matron and teacher, who, under the direction of the General Manager, have full control and oversight of the children.

The very efficient General Manager is Rev. J. B. Boone who within the two years of his management has greatly improved the work along all lines. At the recent meeting of the trustees he was made Superindent of the Graded School, for which high trust he is eminently endowed, having had a large experience in this department of work. Mrs. Boone the lady Manager, is a woman of broad experince, and excellent taste and fine common sense which prepares her in the highest and best sense to have full control of the children more especially the girls.

Charity and Children is the bright little sheet published in the interest of the Orphanage. Rev. N. Johnson is the sprightly editor.

We most earnestly urge all the brethren to take the paper. Let your children read it; they will learn to love, work and pray for the homeless children, and grow up to be men and women of deep sympathy and abiding charity.

The religious tone of the Orphanage is kept up to the new Testament standard. The officers, teachers and matrons along with the pastor, looks well to the souls of the children. Our Sunday School, in many respects, is a model. During the year 44 of of the children have been led to Jesus who sad, ''Suffer the little children to come unto me''.

Brethren of the Liberty Association in your borders is the greatest institution in the State. Your letters show enlarged contributions for which we are very grateful, but let us in the comming year do more for this work. Hear the Holy Spirit; ''Pure religion undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world''—Jos. 1:27. Let us then visit these fartherless and motherless ones. By our prayers and money we visit them and relieve their necessites. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. 25:40.

Respectfully,

W. H. Rich,
C. H. Teague.

Remarks on the report by Bros. J. B. Boone and W. H. Rich, were submitted.

A cash collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $3.41.

After pledges had been secured, the report was adopted.

Elder J. W. Cobb agent for the North Carolina Baptist, and Bro. C. J. Watkins and S. J. Montague of the Pilot Mountain Association were recognized and invited to seats with us.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Cobb.

Afternoon Session.

Moderator Smith in the chair

Elder Thos. Carrick submitted the report of Treasurer.

Receipts.

To amount for State Missions,	$160.59
" " " Foreign "	40.66
" " " Home "	29.51
" " " Ministerial Education,	33.83
" " " Baptist Orphanage,	14.65
" " " Colportage,	5.83
" " " Minister's Relief Fund,	1.40
" " " Female University,	.83
" " " Minute Fund,	25.64
Total,	$312.94

Disbursements.

By amount paid on State Missions,	$160.59
" " " " Foreign "	40.66
" " " " Home "	29.51
" " " " Ministerial Education,	33.83
" " " " Baptist Orphanage,	14.65
" " " " Colportage,	5.83
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" " " " Minute Fund,	25.64
Total	$312.94

THOS. CARRICK,
Treasurer.

Report of committee to name the Executive Board.

We your committee, name the following brethren for Executive Committee for the years 1897–'98: W. H. Rich, James Smith, A. P. Snider, C. M. Wall and Henry Sheets. Adopted.

The committee on place and Preacher for next session recommend as follows: Rich Fork Church as the place, and Elder J. H. Lamberth as the preacher of the Introductory Sermon and Elder

Henry Sheets as alternate. Report adopted.

Elder John Mitchell read the report on Education.

"The past session at Wake Forest has been the most successful in the history of the college". The number of students enrolled was 263. More than 50 of these are looking for work to the ministry.

The new department of Bible study has been organized.

The Junior class will go through the whole Bible during the session. The Senior class will study with more minute care, special portions of scripture.

The Bible is the text book, though others are used along with it. The school of the Bible, has received a warm welcome from the student body and we believe that under the wise leading of Prof. Cullum, it is destined to become very popular.

The future outlook of Wake Forest is brighter than ever before, and there never was a time in the history of this country when our religious institution saw so bright a future. High Schools for co-education, as feeders to Wake Forest and our Female College, should be established in many of our associations. Several such Schools have recently been started with flatteing prospects.

Board of Education.

Thirty-three young ministers was aided by the Board of Education during the last session. The maximum aid furnished is nine dollars per month; and this not a gift, but a loan, to be returned after five years, without interest. No work of the convention is more important, none has been more fruitful in good results.

The number of young ministers needing help is greater now than ever before; and the demand for them, at home and abroad, is great and increasing. We have expended in this work during the past year about $3.000. The Baptist people have always stood for education, they believe in a free Bible, and that every one should read the Bible for himself. They know that ignorace is an evil, that ignorant people are often deceived by false teachings.

In Wake Forest College they have a great institution, the leading christian college in North Carolina, and the foremost Baptist College in the South, out of it have come many noble preachers, many able teachers, many strong laymen, who have made our denomination great and powerful. It has sent out many missionaries to foreign lands; and its sons are doing good in many States. It is a matter of pride that the influence of our college is felt throughout the world. Our fathers labored to build and equip it. We must stand by and sustain it. To-day it is doing its best work. It is educating thirty young men to be preachers, many to be teachers, lawyers, doctors and editors. It aims to make useful christians of them all, and to make our claims powerful everywhere.

John Mitchell,
G. W. Palmer.

Elder John Mitchell spoke ably to the report. After pledges had been made, the report was adopted.

Elder J. A. McKaughan was allowed fifteen minutes to present the claims of the little church at Halifax, N. C. A cash collection was taken amounting to $4.76.

Elder J. H. Lamberth read the report on Foreign Missions.

In preparing a report on Foreign Missions, to read before the association, printed in the minutes, and preserved as history. The field is so vast, workers so scattered and the results so far-reaching, that space, time and cost of printing will only admit a brief statement about some of its places. As we think about, and study Foriegn Missions in the many lights now available we see:

FIRST.—WHAT IS BEING DONE

The great command of Jesus to his believers is being slowly obeyed and the gospel is being preached to every creature, to all nations and in the whole world. The Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries now laboring successfully in China, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and Italy. We see from this year's report, that there are on these six great mission fields under the direction of our board, 80 missionaries; 110 native helpers; 95 churches, 4,324 church members; 660 baptisms with both Sunday and day schools more or less well attended. Besides these from our Southern Baptist Convention, there are many missionaries from these parts of the christianized world, who make favorable reports of their work.

SECOND.— HOW WE ARE DOING OUR MISSION WORK.

We are going forward under the best organized forces we can possibly control. The best work is done under well organized efforts, such as we have running through the Church, Association, State Convention and Southern Baptist great Convention.

THIRD—WHAT REMAINS YET TO BE DONE.

There are white harvest fields of human souls yet to be reaped, we are to ask God to do his own work by sending more laborers into his harvest. We need patience, grace and faith, to press on till our pilgrimage is finished, and Jesus shall return to receive his own.

J. H. Lamberth,
S. W. Wall.

An able speech was made by Bro. Lamberth in support of the report, which was adopted.

Bro J. C. Caddell read the report of Ministers' relief Board.

We your servents of the Board, beg leave to submit the following report:

This Board began its work under the auspices of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, May 3, 1890. It has partially supported twenty-four of our old preachers and their families (fifty-eight including all). These have come from fifteen of our Associations. To these it has appropriated $2,415 and has invested about $1,250 in safe hands, well secured, the intrest alone of which is appropriated to the beneficiaries and their families.

We have eleven beneficiaries now on the Board. There are now two applicants awaiting reception. The Board expended during the past year $583.33. leaving a balance in the treasury of $158.06.

Many are the letters of appreciation sent us by the beneficiaries, for the small amount sent them by the Board. We would be glad to send them more if we could, and help them farther if the brethren would give us the means.

Brethren of the Convention; pray for the Board; pray for the old preachers, and then pray for giving grace for yourselves and the work.

J. C. Caddell, } Com.
S. W. Wall, }

The report was spoken to by Bro. Caddell.

Bro. Jefferson Lanning was appointed to preach in this house to-night.

Benediction by———

THURSDAY MORNING, THIRD DAY.

Religious exercises were conducted by Bro. John R. Miller.

The body was called to order.

On motion, Bro C. M. Wall was appointed as the representative of the Liberty Association, as a member of the Board of State Missions and that the Treasurer of this Association be authorized to pay out of the State Mission fund, one fare to

Raleigh and return.

Bro. John R. Miller offered the following:

Whereas, Elders J. M. Bennett and S. J. Beeker are conducting a first class Academy at Reed's X Roads.

And whereas said school is under the full control of Baptist teachers and trustees; Therefore we heartily commend this School to the consideration of all persons within the bounds of our Association. After remarks by Henry Sheets and J. M. Bennett, the above was heartily adopted

Bro. Bennett read the following report on Home Missions.

The work of our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., with Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary, sends out missionaries to labor among five classes of people of the South, the native whites, the negroes, the Indians, the foreigners, and the Cubans. During the past year there were 372 missionaries at work. The Board expended $103,848.39.

Your committee desires to call special attention to the fact that one-eighth of all the white churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, were established by the Home Board; and that of the 4,743 Baptist churches in the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and the Indian territory, fully one-half owe their existence and present degree of prosperity to the faithful, untiring efforts of this organization.

It is especially important for North Carolina Baptists to remember, that this Board has rendered efficient service to the denomination in aiding in the establishment and sustenance of churches in the important towns of Edenton, Elizabeth City, Raleigh, Newbern, Goldsboro, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Warrenton, Hendersonville, Murphy, Bryson City, Waynesville, Washington, Tarboro, Newton, Concord and other important points too numerous to mention in this report.

J. M. Bennett, } Com.
W. A. Russell, }

This report was spoken to by brethren J. M. Bennett, John R. Miller. Pledges were then taken and report adopted.

Bro. A. E. Myers read the report on Sunday Schools.

We believe the Sunday School to be one of the great organizations instituted by God himself as a means by which the children and not children only, but the aged also learn more fully the Holy Scriptures and the will of God toward man. That it is the best way by which to teach children about Christ and him crucified to redeem a fallen race and to teach them also the mission of Christ and the life work of the first missionaries and the great need of missions and missionaries at the present day.

We believe the Sunday Schools to be one of the greatest helpers in bringing up the children in the way they should go and making of them the most useful church workers.

Therefore brethren let us exhaust every means by which the cause of Christ may be advanced through the work of the Sunday Schools. Respectfully,

Jeff. Lanning, } Com.
A. E. Myers, }

Remarks were submitted on this report by J. H. Lamberth, J. W. Cobb and J. M. Hillard. Report adopted.

Bro. John R. Miller read the report on Temperance.

There is nothing more clearly taught in God's word, than that intemperance, or drunkeness damns the souls of men. And further, it not only destroys the souls of its victims, but it brings endless want and misery upon the helpless mothers and children. Therefore intemperance hinders the work of the church, antagonizes the progress of christianity, and is one of the most powerful obstructions to the setting up of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Now in view of these facts, the church of Christ can not afford to sanction, or in any way by word or deed, help this monster evil in its merciless ravages upon the children of men. And further as this evil seems to have its clutches upon every part of our social and political life; it is high time that we first as Christians secured as Citizens, do all that is in our power to free ourselves of its deadly grasp.

The time has come when Christians must no longer fight this our most deadly enemy with resolutions; but we must fight it with prayer and faith; and we must show our faith by our works.

Our churches must use strict discipline with their members who in any way give aid to this great destroyer of souls.

We can not afford to condemn a business as sinful, and then help to license its existence for a price in dollers and cents.

John R. Miller,
W. R, Rominger.

Speeches were made by Bro. John R. Miller, J.F. Lancaster. On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services and the remander of the minute fund to be expended in having as many minutes printed as it will pay for.

The Finance Committee submitted the follwing report, which was adopted:

CHURCHES.	MINISTER'S RELIEF.	STATE MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	MINJSTERIAL EDUCATION.	ORPHANAGE.	MINUTE FUND.
Abbott's Creek		$ 1.24	$ 2.00		$ 3.00		$ 3.00
Eldorado			.63	$ 1.50	.50	$ 1.03	.96
Denton			1.39	.26	1.00		1.00
Holloways		5.09		.16	3.53		1.05
Jackson's Creek			1.00	1.16	.30		.40
Thomasville							.75
Lexington		2.38	2.38	3.42	3.41		3.00
Jersey Church		8.57	2.91	4.22	8.30		2.00
Lick Creek	$ .73	.11			2.50	2.35	1.66
Orphanage							1.00
Liberty		3.40	2.00	3.13	3.00	5.00	1.09
Summerville		1.00	.50				.75
Maple Springs							
Mt. Lebanon	.20		1.00	.55	.50		.35
New Friendship							2.10
Oak Hill			.80				
Pine M. House		1.09	1.09	1.09	1.10	5.00	1.00
Piny Grove							1.50
Reed's X Roads			2.00	5.00	2.50		1.50
Kernersville		2.18					.65
Rich Fork			1.60	.60	1.60		.50
Marion		1.60					.20
Centre Cross							.25
Pleasant Fork		1.50					.75
Total	$ .93	$ 28.16	$ 19.30	$ 21.09	$ 31.24	$ 13.38	$ 24.46

D. H. Hepler, }
J. M. Hilliard, } Com.

Elder H. Morton offered a resolution of thanks to the church and community for the liberal hospitality bestowed during the session of this body. Adopted.

By request of the body, the Moderator appointed committees to write on the various subjects named below and report at Rich Fork 1898.

State Missions: J. H. Lamberth and C. W. Davis.

Foreign Missions: W. H. Rich and Wm. Bowers.

Home Missions: John R. Miller and C. M. Wall.

Periodicals: A. Johnson and D. H. Hepler.

Ministeral Education: S. J. Beeker and Jefferson Lanning.

Baptist Orphanage: J. M. Bennett and N. B. Orrell.

Sunday Schools: H. Morton and Ivey Allen.

Temperance: John A. Summey and L. A. Tysinger.

Ministers Relief Board: J. P. Bodenhamer and John F. Reich.

With this, the session of the Liberty Association closed one of the best for several years, if not the best ever held

Adjourned to meet with the church at Rich Fork on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1898.

James Smith, Moderator.

Henry Sheets, Clerk.

Table of Pledges for the Year ending August 1898.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.	EDUCATION.	BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.	MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND.
Abbott's Creek	$ 7,00	$ 5.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00	$ 15.00	$ 2.00
Centre Cross	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Denton	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	1.00
Eldorado	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Holloways	15.00	6.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Jackson's Creek	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00
Jersey	15.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	2.00
Kernersville	5.00	6.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	1.00
Lexington	20.00	20.00	16.00	20.00	25.00	3.00
Liberty	5.00	7.50	2.00	3.00	5.00	1.00
Lick Creek	8.00	10.00	2.50	2.00	5.00	
Marion	1.00					
Mt. Lebanon	2.00	1.00	1.00	.50	1.00	.50
New Friendship	15.00	12.00	6.00	6.00	25.00	2.00
Oak Hill	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	
Orphanage Church	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	2.00
Pine Meeting House	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Piny Grove	10.00	20.00	4.00	3.50	15.00	4.00
Reed's X Roads	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.50	10.00	2.00
Rich Fork		2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	.50
Summerville						
Thomasville	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	5.00	2.50
Union Meeting	40.00			10.00		
Pleasant Fork	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00	2.00
Southside		2.00		2.00	5.00	2.00
Huldah	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	.50
Total	186.00	143.50	71.50	90.00	173.00	34.00

Total Pledged, $626.50.

Sunday School Statistics of Liberty Association for the year 1897.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.	SUPERINTENDENT'S POST OFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers taken.	Expenses of School.
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague	Abbott's Creek, N. C.	6	85		69	$ 6.00
Center Cross	John Cole	Quinine, "	3	21			
Denton	J. C. Bean	Denton, "	5	107		28	.82
Eldorado	H. A. Henderson	Eldorado, "	6	45		32	4.00
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill, "	5	40		34	1.10
Jackson's Creek	No School	Reported.					
Jersey	G. W. Miller	Linwood, N. C.	7	75		75	5.00
Kernersville	J. R. Joyce	Kernersville, "	8	44		240	5.52
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington, "	9	60	150	125	30.00
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Light, "	6	30	100	60	2.70
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringles', "	10	75		80	4.50
Marion	No School	Reported.					
Maple Springs	No School	Reported.					
Mt. Lebanon	James G. Parks	Lassiter, N. C.	8	35		31	.85
New Friendship	Felix Sink	Salem, "	7	42		32	6.00
Oak Hill	No School	Reported.					
Orphanage Church	Ivey Allen	Thomasville, N. C.	7	157		185	
Pine Meeting House	W. T. Davis	Churchland, "	6	30	31	24	1.32
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg, "	6	64		65	10.00
Reed's X Roads	C. R. Myers	Michael, "	8	91		65	4.60
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers	Jimes, "	7	43		30	5.00
Summerville	Alvin Peterson	Denton, "	3	25			
Thomasville	Walter M. Morton	Thomasville, "	5	27	50	26	2.18
Pleasant Fork	No return	of Sunday School.					
Southside	J. P. Bodenhamer	Salem, N. C.	11	151		100	12.25
Hulda	No return	of Sunday School.					
Total			133	1247	331	1301	$ 101.84

Statistical Table for the Year Ending August, 1897.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Added.				Lost.				Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Sunday of Preaching.
			Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.				
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg, N. C.	4	3	1	8	1	2	3	6	45	99	144	3rd.
Center Cross	W. W. Cole	Quinine, "	7			7	10	3		13	9	21	30	3rd.
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton, "	4	2	1	7					20	29	49	2nd.
Eldorado	H. A. Hendersou	Eldorado, "	1	2		3	3	3	3	9	19	46	65	1st.
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill, "			1	1	3	2	1	6	61	125	186	2nd.
Jackson's Creek	J. F. Pierce	Jones' Mine, "	2			2					25	52	77	3rd.
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood, "		2		2		4	7	11	68	84	152	3rd.
Kernersville	Wyatt W. Bowman	Kernersville, "						3		3	19	52	71	2nd.
Lexington	R. T. Hamner	Lexington, "	2	3		5	2		3	5	71	88	159	2nd–4th.
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Light, "	10			10	3	4	5	12	63	124	187	2nd.
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringle's, "	23		1	24	1			1	54	80	134	4th.
Marion	R. S. Green	Lexington, "									3	5	8	4th.
Maple Springs	Reported from	1895.									9	19	28	2nd.
Mt. Lebanon	J. G. Parks	Lassiter, "									9	23	32	2nd.
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	Salem, "	14	2		16	4	2		6	76	99	175	4th.
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore, "	1	1		2					14	24	38	1st.
Orphanage Ch.	Miss Anna Hall	Thomasville, "	44	3		47	17			17	59	89	148	1st–2nd.
Pine M. House	S. C. Beck	Churchland, "	6	1	3	10	3	2	3	8	76	149	225	4th.
Piny Grove	C. M. Wall	Wallburg, "									24	36	60	1st.
Reed's X Roads	A. E. Myers	Michael, "		1		1	1	1	4	6	52	79	131	1st.
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard	Thomasville, "	5		1	6	3			3	34	56	90	4th.
Summerville	B. F. C. Davis	Denton, "	1			1			1	1	18	38	56	1st.
Thomasville	Walter M. Morton	Thomasville, "	2	2	1	5					9	23	32	2nd–4th.
Total			126	22	9	157	51	26	30	107	837	1440	2277	

Financial Table for the Year Ending August, 1897.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund.	Minute Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor of the Church.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Total.
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard	High Point, N. C.	$ 7.00	$ 5.00	$2.00	$3.00	$16.25		$3.00	$10.00			$ 100.00	$ 146.25
Center Cross	J. A. Summey	Hannersville, “	1.50	1.50	1.25	.50	1.00		.25				45.00	51.00
Denton	Jefferson Lanning	Eldorado, “	3.06	2.00	2.00	1.00	6.10		1.00	12.00			65.00	92.16
Eldorado	Jefferson Lanning	Eldorado, “	2.00	1.50	.63	.50			.96	2.00		$ 3.00	40.00	50.59
Holloway's	J. M. Bennett	Michael, “	10.00	4.00	3.58	3.53			1.05			364.00		386.21
Jackson's Creek	John R. Miller	Fair Grove, “	1.00	1.16	1.00	.30			.40	6.00			30.00	39.86
Jersey	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, “	15.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00		2.00	10.70			125.00	187.70
Kernersville	Henry Sheets	Lexington, “	8.23	10.00	8.48	4.19	9.44		.65	10.00	$2.00	57.00	75.00	184.99
Lexington	J. H. Lamberth	Lexington, “	17.25	13.09	11.17	3.76	35.18	$1.51	3.00	31.38		44.87	173.10	334.31
Liberty	S. J. Beeker	Michael, “	5.00	7.50	2.00	3.00	5.00		1.09	.40	.56	11.65	40.95	77.15
Lick Creek	H. Morris	Palmerville, “	8.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	10.35	.73	1.66	3.00		15.00	75.00	123.74
Maple Springs	Not represented													
Marion	Supt. J. R. Miller	Fair Grove, N. C.							.20					.20
Mt. Lebanon	Lee W. Harris	Eldorado, “	2.12	2.15		.50	1.00		.35				55.00	61.12
New Friendship	Henry Sheets	Lexington, “	15.00	22.15	8.81	6.00	26.18	4.00	2.10	11.10		93.50	125.00	313.84
Oak Hill	J. A. Summey	Hannersville, “	3.67	.80				1.00		2.22			50.00	57.69
Orphanage Ch.	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, “	17.14	15.05	7.85	34.99	138.55	2.64	1.00				100.00	317.22
Pine M. House	Jefferson Lanning	Eldorado, “	7.13	2.47	8.27	3.00	8.30		1.00	11.10			100.00	141.27
Piny Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington, “	20.00	28.85	10.80	7.02	20.22	4.20	1.50	100.00		26.00	100.00	318.59
Reed's X Roads	J. M. Bennett	Michael, “	5.00	5.00	3.00	2.50			1.50	4.61			100.00	121.61
Rich Fork	H. Morton	Thomasville, “	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60			.50	8.00		8.10	50.00	73.00
Summerville	A. P. Stoker	Denton, “	1.00	1.00	.50		.95		.75		1.00			5.20
Thomasville	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, “	12.72	7.00	12.64	2.62	10.59		.75	13.01		55.74	124.37	239.44
Pleasant Fork	John A. Summey	Hannersville, “	6.91	1.00	2.08			3.05	.75		14.00		77.30	105.09
Total			170.33	147.82	95.16	90.51	299.11	17.13	25.46	235.52	17.56	678.86	1,650.72	3,428.23

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

RICH FORK CHURCH,

August 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1898.

Officers of the Association.

Moderator: JAMES SMITH, Lexington, N. C.
Secretary: ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer: PROF. W. BANKS DOVE, Lexington, N. C.

Time, Place and Preacher For Next Session.

The next sesion of Liberty Association will be held with the church at Abbott's Creek, 9 miles south of Kernersville, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1899: Preacher, Elder F. H. Jones: Alternate, Bro. S. B. Wilson.

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August, 1898.

Bennett, J. M.,	Churchland, N. C.
Boone, J. B.,	Thomasville, “
Henderson, G. W.,	Blaine, “
Harris, Lee W.,	El Dorado, “
Lambreth, J. H.,	Lexington, “
Lancaster, J. F.	Oak Ridge, “
Lanning, Jefferson	Denton, “
Leach, M. J.	Lassiter, “
Miller, John R.	Fair Grove, “
Morton, H.	Thomasville, “
Newton, J. D.	Thomasville, “
Orrell, N. B.	Abbott's Creek, “
Rich, W. H.	Thomasville, “
Sheets, Henry	Lexington, “
Stoker, A. P.	Denton, “
Summey, J. A.	Hannersville, “

LICENTIATES—None represented.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

James Smith, Henry Sheets C. M. Wall,
John R. Miller, W. Thomas Tysinger.

PROCEEDINGS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

Rich Fork Baptist Church, Davidson County, N. C., August 23, 1898. The Liberty Baptist Association convened with this church to-day in its Sixty-fifth Annual Session.

Elder J. H. Lamberth preached the Introductory Sermon from I Timothy iii:15; after which the body took a recess of one hour and a half for dinner.

At 2 o'clock, Moderator Smith called the body to order. L. Johnson, of Greensboro, read the XII Chapter of Romans, and then led in prayer. Brethren C. H. Teague and D. T. Andrews were appoiuted reading clerks. The letters from the various churches were called for and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—C. W. Davis, D. D. Orrell and C. H. Teague.

Center Cross—John Cole and W. W. Boone.

Denton—W. B. Russell.

El Dorado—No Report.

Holloway's—John F. Carrick, L. C. Lomax and John A. Carrick.

Jackson's Creek—J. C. Laughlin.

Jersey—G. W. Palmer.

Kernersville—J. F. Lancaster and W. T. Baynes.

Lexington—E. M. Ward, A. E. Sheets and Dr. John Thomas.

Liberty—D. T. Andrews and R. B. Miller.

Lick Creek—B. C. Cole and W. S. Carrick.

Marion—C. S. Green.

Maple Springs—By Letter.

Mt. Lebanon—James L. Parks.

New Friendship—Andrew Sink, H. F. Motsinger and S. E. Hege.

Oak Hill—J. P. Welborn and M. F. Underwood.

Orphanage Church—J. B. Boone and Ivey Allen.

Pine Meeting House—R. F. Wilson.

Piney Grove—P. E. Whicker, Andrew Hine and C. C. Smith.

Pleasant Fork—John F. Reich and W. H. M. Thomas.

Reed's X Roads—R. B. Myers, C. R. Myers and Jesse Myers.

Rich Fork—J. H. Mills, John Canady and William Bowers.

Summerville—Travis Davis.

Thomasville—By Letter.

An invitation was then extended to any new church that might desire to unite with this body, whereupon, Pleasant Fork church, some 5 miles west of New Friendship presented a petition and was cordially received.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of J. B. Boone, Henry Sheets was instructed to cast the vote of this body for James Smith for Moderator.

On motion of John R. Miller, W. H. Rich was instructed to cast the vote of the body for Henry Sheets for Clerk.

Brother W. Banks Dove was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

VISITING BRETHREN

were invited by the Moderator to report themselves:

L. Johnson, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board for North Carolina; John Mitchell, for the Board of Education; Prof. J. H. Gorrell, in behalf of Wake Forest College, and J. W. Cobb, representing the North Carolina Baptist, reported and were invited to seats.

The pastor and deacons of this church were appointed a committee on Religious exercises.

Brother L. Johnson being compelled to leave us, after to-day, the subject of Foreign Missions was brought up. Brother W. H. Rich read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

God has graciously blessed Southern Baptists during the past year in foreign lands and in the home land, for which we should be devoutly thankful, and for which we should lift up our hearts in praise to Him.

We are doing Mission work in the following countries, viz: China, Africa, Mexico, Italy, Brazil and Japan.

In China	there	are	35	Missionaries.
In Africa	"	"	4	"
In Italy	"	is	1	Missionary.
In Mexico	"	are	14	Missionaries.
In Brazil	"	"	11	"
In Japan	"	"	6	"

Besides these there are many native helpers. We began the year with a debt of $13,532.79, but, thank God, at the end it was paid, and a small surplus in the treasury. We contributed last year about $125,000 which was wisely used, and greatly blessed by the the Master. There were more baptized last year than in any previous year.

Beloved brethren, the last command of our Savior was to Foreign Mission Work. When he had gathered his disciples about Him in Galilee, just before His glorious ascension, He said to them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To carry out these "marching orders" should be our chief joy and highest aim, for to do this is to glorify Him who gave Himself for us. We are workers together with Him. His promise, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world," is encouraging. But we have been so slow to obey Him. Only the shores here and there have been touched. There are to-day 1,000,000,000 souls without Christ. Shall we sleep on while these are going down to death and hell? Let us awake and go forth, for the promise is unto us. Success will crown our humble efforts. To this end your committee would urge our pastors to press this great cause with more vigor, and more consecrated enthusiasm. We copy the following as wise and helpful for you:

1. Preach frequently on Missions.
2. Distribute Mission literature.
3. Appoint a good mission secretary in your church.
4. Advocate systematic giving.
5. Show the poorest how they may give a little, and the rich that they ought to give much.
6. Induce your people to attend Association Conventions where they may get afire on Missions.
7. Get up special Missionary meetings in your church.
8. Be an "exsample" in giving. Lead your people by example.
10. Pray frequently, publicly and secretly for Missions—Home, State and Foreign.

W. H. Rich,
Wm. Bowers,
Committee.

After a very instructive speech by Brother L. Johnson to the above report, pledges were taken and report adopted.

The Moderator appointed as the Committee on Finance, Brethren John R. Miller and G. W. Wall.

The committee on Place and Preacher for next session: S. A. Hege, Jeff Lanning and J. F. Lancaster.

The order of arrangements adopted last year, except as to Foreign Missions, accepted for this session.

It was announced that Brother L. Johnson would preach in this house to-night.

Adjournment till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 24th.

Religious exercises were conducted by Prof. J. H. Gorrell.

A second invitation was extended to visiting breth reu: Brother J. C. Caddell, of the Biblical Recorder, E. Frost, of the South Yadkin Association; Brother B. M. Lanneau, of Georgia; O. L. Stringfiield, financial agent of the Baptist Female University; and John E. White, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, and Brother R. W. Brooks, of the Piedmont Association, reported and were invited to seats.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

Your committee on time, place and preacher beg to submit the following report:

Time—Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1898.

Preacher—Elder F. H. Jones, of Reidsville.

Alternate—Rev. S. B. Wilson.

J. F. Lancaster,
Jeff Lanning,
S. A. Hege,
Committee.

Delegates to the State Convention—J. B. Boone, J. H. Lamberth and Henry Sheets.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—J. D. Newton; Alternate, J. B. Boone.

Brother D. T. Andrews read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is a reading age, and especially that of reading news papers, both good and bad, and as our people are going to have something to read, it is of the greatest importance that they read the best literature that can be had, and our young people should have the best religious periodicals that are published. Therefore your committee would recommend firstly "The Biblical Recorder," published at Raleigh, N. C., at $1.50 per year. We know of no better paper than The Recorder for both old and young, for it always stands for truth and right, and will continue to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Your committee would recommend "The Foreigr

Mission Journal" and "Home Field" as indispensible in giving information on our mission fields, both at home and abroad.

We would further recommend the Sunday-school literature, published by our Board at Nashville, Tenn., to all of our Sunday-schools as the very best helps to be had anywhere.

We also recommend "The Church Worker," edited by Elder Henry Sheets, as a paper worthy of a place in every home in this association.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID T. ANDREWS,
J. F. LANCASTER,
Committee.

Remarks on the report were made by Brethren J. C. Caddell, J. W. Cobb, John E. White and Thomas Carrick.

Report adopted.

Elder J. H. Lamberth read

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In writing a report on any part of our great Mission work we should be mindful of the fact that it is to be printed in the Minutes and go down to future workers as history. Our Baptist fathers organized for more effectual work in preaching the gospel to the people of North Carolina about 68 years ago. Since that time the Baptists have gradually gone forward, preaching the truth as found in the New Testament; reaching the people in the country, villages, and towns until now we have Baptist churches in almost every section of the country, and one or more in every town in the State. With our Mission Board at Raleigh, Supply Store, efficient Secretary John E. White, over one hundred Missionaries in the field, with fifteen thousand dollars to be used in this work annually, and a strong State Convention of thousands of consecrated men and women to sympathize with and encourage the work, State Missions must and will continue to go forward. As Christ's followers in spreading the gospel and thus aiding in the coming of

His kingdom, we must be given wholly up to these Christian duties. First, obedience.

We are commanded to preach the gospel to every creature, Mark xv:19. A great military man was once asked what he thought of Missions, to which he replied: "What is your command?"

God loves obedience more than sacrifice, so Samuel told disobedient Saul.—Sam. xv:22. "We abide in Jesus, our great captain and commander, through obedience."—John xv:16. Second, prayer: Jesus has commanded his believers to pray for more laborers to be sent into the harvest fields.—Luke x:2. We work for what we pray, and in this way help to answer our prayers. Prayer ties all of the workers in this great harvest field together. The ones praying are exercised, those prayed for are helped. God sends forth more and more laborers, and thus all goes on harmoniously.

Third, alms-giving: We must do alms. Jesus in his sermon on the Mount, encouraged giving alms.—Matt. vi:3-4. We need to give to be obedient, to help carry forward the material part of our Master's cause. and for our own good. Acts xx:35. These great graces, principles, powers, must enter into and control our lives in doing State Missions, or any Christian work successfully. Obedience to Christ is the body, prayer and alms are the wings on which the world-wide gospel is to go to all nations and every creature.

J. H. Lamberth,
C. W. Davis,
Committee.

After an able speech by Secretary White, on the report, a cash collection was taken for the State Board, amounting to $5.25.

Report adopted.

Brother Ivey Allen read the

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The orphanage has been under God, and through the efforts, contributions and prayers of the Baptists of the State for thirteen years a blessing to the State, our denomination and our orphans.

During the past year you have cared for 190 children, who have been fed, clothed and given the advantage of mental and spiritual training at a cost of $4.50 per month each.

God has blessed us in various ways for which we praise Him.

We urge a contribution of your support and your prayers that God may continue to bless and increase the usefulness of your orphanage.

IVEY ALLEN.

This report was spoken to by J. B. Boone, J. H. Lamberth, W. B. Dove and Dr. J. D. Roberts, after which a cash collection was taken, amounting to $4.10.

Report adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. John Mitchell read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The cause of education is inseparably connected with the work of Baptists. The training of the children intellectually, morally and spiritually, and the institution of our educated and efficient ministry, are subjects of the utmost importance to all. Inasmuch as the great majority of the children of the State are dependent upon the public schools for their education, we very earnestly favor the support of these schools by taxation. The present policy of our State towards higher education we consider unnecessary, unwise, and unjust, and reaffirm our unwavering belief and wisdom and efficiency of the Voluntary Principle.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We must have efficient leadership in order to obtain the best progress as a denomination; our preachers are our leaders and these leaders must be trained. We have thus thrust upon us the duty of providing for their support and education. To attain this aim the convention established the Board of Education. For many years this board has taken up needy young men and given them financial help during their college course. The provision thus given, as a loan. Many young men who would otherwise have been debarred from the opportunity of fitting himself thoroughly for the Master's work—have been aided in this way and some of our best ministers are among this number. Brethren, give us your support and let our young men not lack for the training of an educated ministry.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

In our advanced age of civilization the subject of the education of our women is one of supreme imporimportance. We rejoice in the steady and encouraging progress of the movement for the Baptist Female University. The building is being pushed to rapid completion, and will, in the near future, be ready to open its doors to our women. But there is still much to be done. The institution needs the support of every Baptist in the State. Let this Association help in the good work. The Oxford Seminary and Murfresboro Institute are both excellent institutions under Baptist control and should receive a liberal patronage.

WAKF FOREST COLLEGE.

Wake Forest College belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina. Founded and fostered by their prayers and sacrifices, it has even sought to do their will and serve their interests. It is preeminently a Christian college. It strivei to give thorough culture at moderate cost in a distinctively Christian atmosphere. The Bible has been made an essential part of the college course and is required of all applicants for degrees. The last session of the college was in some respects the most successful in all its history. The number of new students was larger than ever before; the health of the student body was excellent and their general spirit one of order, industry and decorum. Improvements have been made along all lines, especially in the establishment of a distinctive school of history and political science The outlook for the present session is flattering and prospects for the future are very bright. But our aims can be realized only as the college has the support of the Baptists of the state. Will not every member of the association recognize and emphasize his ownership in the college by giving in larger measure his prayers, his patronage and his sympathy? COMMITTEE.

This able and comprehensive report was spoken to by Prof. J. H. Gorrell, Dr. John Mitchell and O. L. Stringfield, after which, it was adopted.

Immediately following this, Brother John R. Miller read the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It is the policy of our state to furnish aid to institutions of higher education; and whereas, said state-aided institution furnish free tuition to ministerial and other students through free scholarships; thereby making the state to discriminate in favor of certain classes of its citizens against others, and,

WHEREAS, We hold, that it is impossible, considering the nature of the state, for a state-aided school to give any student a Christian education. Therefore,

RESOLVED, First, That the principle of state aid to higher education is unjust.

Second, That we as citizens and Christians will do all within our power to check this unjust expenditure of public funds.

Third, That we heartily endorse and commend The Biblical Recorder in its manly course against this unjust practice, and in the exposure of corruption in high places.

Fourth, That inasmuch as so large a per cent. of the children of Baptist parents are wholly dependent on the free schools of the state for whatever educational advantages they shall ever receive, that we heartily endorse all wise efforts to increase the efficiency of these schools.

After some discussion, the above was most heartily adopted.

Announced, that Brother O. L. Stringfield preach in this house to-night.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING—AUGUST 25TH.

Religious exercises were conducted by Brother S. B. Wilson.

Body called to order. The Moderator appointed the following named brethren to nominate the Executive board: Jeff Lanning, Ivey Allen and D. T. Andrews.

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT—RECEIPTS.

To amount for	State Missions,	$160 75
" "	Foreign Missions,	51 19
" "	Home Missions,	41 01
" "	Ministerial Education,	43 50
" "	Baptist Orphanage	24 14
" "	Ministers' Relief Fund	1 57
" "	Minute Fund,	22 28
Total,		$344 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount on	State Missions,	$160 75
" "	Foreign Missions,	51 19
" "	Home Missions,	41 01
" "	Ministerial Education,	43 50
" "	Baptist Orphanage,	24 14
" "	Ministers' Relief Fund,	1 57
" "	Minute Funds	22 28
Total,		$344 44

JAMES SMITH, Treasurer.

The following resolution was offered by J. D. Newton:

RESOLVED, That no brother who is receiving, or may receive, aid from the State or Associational Board shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Board of the Liberty Association.

This resolution was discussed by several brethren, after which it was adopted

On motion, it was ordered that the clerk have 500 copies of Minutes printed and that he be allowed $10 for his services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Minute Fund.
Abbott's Creek				4 00			2 50
Center Cross		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		65
Denton					1 61	64	1 20
Eldorado	$ 1 30	1 30	1 30	90	20		35
Holloways	15 00			5 00		2 00	1 75
Jacksons Creek	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 01	52
Jersey		4 45		8 12		2 00	1 75
Kernersville				89		1 00	60
Lexington							3 00
Liberty	4 31			3 00		1 25	1 75
Lick Creek	3 00			2 00		29	1 51
Marion	1 00						10
Mt. Lebanon		1 00	1 00	50	1 00	50	30
New Friendship							1 69
Oak Hill	2 00				2 00		
Orphanage							1 00
Pine M. House							2 25
Piny Grove							1 70
Reed's X Roads	5 00	5 00	3 00	2 50	7 50		75
Rich Fork	2 00	1 25	1 25	1 50	1 00		70
Summerville	50	50	50		50		25
Thomasville		5 50					40
Pleasant Fork						2 00	60
Rock Spring	1 00				70		
Maple Spring		25					25
Public Collection	5 25				4 10		
Total	$37 11	2125	9 05	2991	2061	1069	2557

JOHN R. MILLER,
G. W. WALL,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Brother Ivey Allen read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

According to the minutes of the last association 25 per cent. of the churches in the association have no Sunday schools and some of the schools reported are kept open only eight or nine months in the year.

From 1888 to 1893, a period of five years, there was an increase in the enrollment of the Sunday schools of 342. From 1893 to 1898 the increase was only 146. During the first five years mentioned the increase in the church members hip was 359; in the last five years there has been a decrease of fifteen. These statistics seem to indicate that a slackening of energy and interest in the Sunday schools is followed by a corresponding loss in the conversion of souls, and we think that this is true.

Your committee would recommend that the pastors of those churches reporting no Sunday schools be urged, at once, to make a direct personal effort for the opening of schools in them, and when the schools are closed for the winter that they see if arrangements can't be made to make them ever green. We would urge those interested in the upbuilding of Zion to press the Sunday school work, establishing mission schools and encouraging those who do not now do so, to attend Sunday school till every one shall have been taught of our work and the "way." We would encourage the Sunday school worker in the association to avail themselves of the advantage of Sunday school chautauquas and institutes for their better equipment for work.

The Sunday schools play an important part in moulding public sentiment, in shaping character, and in training Christian workers. Our Lord said, "Go into my vineyard and whatsoever is right ye shall receive." The vineyard is large, the premises are ample, and sure shall we not claim them? Brethren of Liberty Association let us join the advance movement and go forward.

H. MORGAN,
IVEY ALLEN,
Committee.

The above excellent report was discussed by Dr. J. D. Roberts, Elder John Mitchell and Ivey Allen.

Report adopted.

Brother John R. Miller read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions, we mean the work done by the Home Mission Board within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention and on the island of Cuba.

We do not hesitate to say that this work calls for the earnest prayers and most liberal contributions of our churches; because the Home Board covers a field that can not be successfully cultivated by any of our State Boards; and it fills a place second in importance to none of our denominational work.

The work done within our own Southern Baptist Convention is ample proof of the efficiency of the Home Board. On the frontier, among the Indians, to our foreign population and the colored people, the missionaries of this Board, are with blessed results, preaching the pure gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Home Board's work for last year may be partly summed up as follows: Missionaries 467; churches and stations 1,960; baptisms 4,739; received by letter 4,770; churches constituted 103; houses of worship built 45. The amount received by the Board during last year, including what was collected on the field, is $110,636,50.

And as to our work in Cuba, which has been hindered for the last few years, will now call upon us for greater efforts than ever before. Our nation having freed the Cubans from the Spanish oppression; the greater task now falls upon Southern Baptists to free them from heathenish Romanism. The Home Board has a large field, and the harvest is white "and he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

C. M. Wall,
J. R. Miller,
Committee.

This report was spoken to by Brethren J. R. Miller, Lanneau, O. L. Stringfield, Sheets and Allen. Pledges were taken and report adopted.

Brother John A. Summey read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

There is nothing more plainly taught in the Bible than that intemperance is a sin, and there is nothing more clearly seen than the fact that intemperance and drunkenness is one of the greatest disturbers in our churches and society of to-day. Therefore we recommend that our churches withdraw fellowship from all who persist in the manufacture and sale of strong drinks; or furnishing fruits; or engaging in any way whatever.

The time has come when we cannot longer fight this, the most deadly enemy, with resolutions, but with prayer, church discipline and our votes until removed from our commonwealth.

JOHN A. SUMMEY,
LEE W. TYSINGER,
Committee.

The above report was discussed by Brother Summey, and then adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

We are now supporting twelve families, which were left helpless by faithful servants of God, who spent their lives preaching the gospel to the poor. There are others who ought to be aided, but for lack of funds the Board cannot aid them. If this be the Lord's work, can we not enter into it with greater enthusiasm. If the work is not of the Lord we do well if we ignore it completely. Let each church in this association take at least one collection each year for this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN F. REICH,
J. P. BODENHAMER,
Committee.

Discussed by Brothers Ivey Allen, Stringfield and Lamberth.

Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report on the subjects named below:

State Missions—W. K. Rich and A. R. Teague.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Lamberth and John R. Carrick.

Home Missions—Jno. A. Summey and Wm. Bowers.

Periodicals—John R. Miller and Lee W. Harris.

Ministerial Education—J. D. Roberts and G. W. Palmer.

Baptist Orphanage—W. Banks Dove and C. M. Wall.

Sunday-Schools—S. B. Wilson and Dr. Jno. Thames.

Temperance—Jeff Lanning and D. L. Andrews.

Ministers' Relief Fund—J.. D. Newton and H. Morton.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the heartiest thanks of ministers, delegates and visitors to this session of the Liberty Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the church and people of this community for their large hospitality during our pleasant stay amongst them.

JAMES SMITH,
HENRY SHEETS,
C. M. WALL,
JOHN R. MILLER,
W. T. TYSINGER,
Committee.

The Moderator announced that work of the body was ended—a pleasant and harmonious session.

Thus ended the Sixty-Fifth Annual Session of the Liberty Association.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.
HENRY SHEETS, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, FROM AUG. 1, 1897 TO AUG. 1, 1898.

Our society now has a membership of 38.

Our regular monthly dues have amounted during the year to .... $ 26 75, which has been given to Foreign, Home and State Missions.

We have also contributed to the Yates' Memorial Fund .... 3.50.

Orphanage .... 23.00.

The amount sent to the Orphanage helped to liquidate the pledge made by the church.

Total for the year .... $ 53.25.

Less the amount sent Orphanage .... $ 30.25.

MISS ROXIE SHEETS,
President.

MISS PEARL HANKINS,
Secretary.

The Executive Board of the Liberty Association have been aiding missionaries of the State Board as follows:

Brother Jefferson Lanning at Huldah, $20; Denton, $20; Center Cross, $20.

Brother Lee W. Harris at Mt. Lebanon, $15.

Brother John A. Summey at Pleasant Fork, $25.

Brother M. J. Leach at Lake View, $20.

Brother W. H. Rich at Kernersville, $40.

Brother L. W. Harris is struggling to build up the little at Rock Spring. They now have a membership of 12.

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1899.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	$ 8	$ 6	$ 3	$ 4	$ 16	$ 3	$ 40
Center Cross	1	1	1 50	1	1 50	50	6 50
Denton	4	2	2 50	1 50	5 50	1	16 50
El Dorado	2	1	1	50	2	50	7
Holloway's	15	6	4	5	5	2	37
Jackson's Creek	2	2	1	1	2 50	1	9 50
Jersey	15	10	5	7	10	2	49
Kernersville	7	7	5	6	8	2	35
Lexington	25	20	16	15	25	5	106
Liberty	5	8	3	3	6	1	26
Lick Creek	8	10	5	2	5	1	31
Maple Springs	1	....	1	....	1	1	4
Marion	1	....	....	....	....	....	1
Mount Lebanon	3	2	1	1	2	50	9 50
New Friendship	10	10	6	5	20	2	53
Oak Hill	....	2	....	....	....	....	2
Orphanage	15	15	7 50	5	50	3	95 50
Pine M. House	10	10	5	5	6	2	38
Piny Grove	10	25	4	3 50	15	4	61 50
Pleasant Fork	5	3	2	2	10	2	24
Reeds X Roads	6	6	3 50	2	10	2	29 50
Rich Fork	....	2	1	1 50	3	1	8 50
Summerville	50	50	1	....	1	....	3
Thomasville	5	....	....	2	3	....	10
Huldah	1	1	1	50	1	50	5
Rock Spring	1	....	....	....	1	....	2
Fair Mont	1	....	....	....	1	....	2
Lake View	....	....	....	....	1	....	1
Union Meeting	10	10	10	10	10	....	50
Totals	$181.50	$159.50	$ 90.00	$ 83.50	$221.50	$ 37.00	$763.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, for the year ending August, 1898.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS	SUPERINTEND'NT'S POST OFFICE.		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	Expenses of School.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg,	N.C.	6	80		58	$ 5 00
Center Cross	I. L. Brown	Sea Grove,	"	5	15			
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton,	"	9	144		40	2 80
Eldorado	H. A. Henderson	Eldorado,	"	6	30		25	4 00
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill,	"	5	48		43	4 80
Jackson's Creek	No School							
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood,	"	7	44		48	3 32
Kernersville	Wyatt W. Bowman	Kernersville,	"	7	53		240	5 94
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington,	"	8	65		150	35 00
Liberty	R. B. Miller	Hannersville,	"	7	80	100	100	3 30
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringle's,	"	7	75		80	4 00
Marion	No School							
Maple Springs	No School							
Mt. Lebanon	No School							
New Friendship	Felix Sink	Salem,	"	School	not re-	ported.		
Oak Hill	No School							
Orphanage Chch	Ivey Allen	Thomasville,	"	7	184		191	
Pine Mtg. House	No School							
Piny Grove	C. H. Teague	Wallburg,	"	6	81		100	10 00
Pleasant Fork	John F. Reich	Salem,	"	6	57		110	2 20
Reed's X Roads	C. R. Myers	Reed's,	"	8	76		75	7 00
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers	Jimes,	"	6	67		30	10 00
Summerville	No School							
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart	Thomasville,	"	2	15		20	3 00
		Totals,		102	1,114	100	1,310	$100 36

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1898.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.		ADDED.				LOST.				Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Sunday of Preaching.
				Baptized.	Rec'd Let'r	Restored.	Total.	Dis. Let'r.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.				
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg,	N.C.	8	3		11	4		1	5	49	103	152	3rd
Center Cross	I. L. Brown	Sea Grove,	“	1			1					9	20	29	1st
Denton	L. A. Tysinger	Denton,	“	14	6		20			1	1	30	38	68	2nd
Eldorado	H. A. Henderson	Eldorado,	“		1		1	6	3	2	11	16	40	56	4th
Holloways	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill,	“	10	2	1	13	8		4	12	63	116	179	2nd
Jackson's Creek	J. T. Pierce	Jones' Mine,	“	14		3	17	1	1		2	27	66	93	3rd
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood,	“	8	2	1	11	3	1		4	72	88	160	3rd
Kernersville	Wyatt W. Bowman	Kernersville,	“		4		4		1	1	2	20	53	73	2nd
Lexington	R. T. Hamner	Lexington,	“		5		5	5	6	4	15	67	83	150	2d-4th
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Light,	“	9	1	1	11	2	6	3	11	59	128	187	2nd
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole	Bringle's,	“	2			2	5	2		7	52	76	128	4th
Marion	R. S. Green	Lexington,	“				1		1	2		2	4	6	
Maple Springs	W. W. Harper	Asbury,	“							1	1	8	20	28	2nd
Mt. Lebanon	James G. Parks	Lassiter,	“	1			1					10	26	36	2nd
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	Salem,	“	4			4	36	1	3	40	54	79	133	4th
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood	Wheatmore,	“									11	23	34	1st
Orphanage Ch.	Miss Annie Hall	Thomasville,	“	2	10		12	18	2	1	21	42	83	125	1st-4th
Pine M. House	R. H. Williams	Tyro Shops,	“	12		3	15	8	1	4	13	65	135	200	4th
Piny Grove	P. E. Whicker	Bethany,	“	7	2		9		2	3	5	27	38	65	1st
Pleasant Fork	John F. Reich	Salem,	“	5			5					15	18	33	1st
Reeds X Roads	A. E. Myers	Reed's,	“		1		1	5		1	6	43	96	139	1st
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard	Thomasville,	“	3			3	6			6	30	56	86	4th
Summerville	A. P. Stoker	Denton,	“		2		2	3		1	4	15	37	52	3rd
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart	Thomasville,	“					2			2	11	21	32	
		Total,		100	39	9	149	112	27	32	168	797	1447	2244	

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1898.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S POST OFFICE.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund	Minute Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor of the Church.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salary.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard	Greensboro, N.C.	$ 7 00	6 25	3 00	$ 4 00	15 40	$ 3 00	$ 2 50	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 100 00	$ 142 15
Center Cross	Jeff Lanning	Denton, "	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		65				40 00	45 65
Denton	Jeff Lanning	Denton, "	3 30	2 00	2 01	1 18	5 31	1 00	1 20	12 10		65 00	60 00	153 10
Eldorado	M. J. Leach	Lassiter, "	1 30	1 30	1 30	90	1 25		35			75	35 00	42 10
Holloway's	J. R. Miller	Fair Grove, "	15 00	6 00	4 00	5 00	9 20	2 00	1 75		1 85		100 00	144 85
Jackson's Creek	J. R. Miller	Fair Grove, "	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 01	52	6 85			30 00	44 88
Jersey	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, "	15 00	5 57	9 43	10 00		2 00	1 75	12 00		8 00	125 00	188 75
Kernersville	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, "	7 60	9 11	6 20	5 00	5 00	1 00	60	10 00		113 00	75 00	232 51
Lexington	J. H. Lambeth	Lexington, "	20 00	23 00	16 00	14 01	27 00	3 00	3 00	48 55		349 25	300 00	780 81
Liberty	J. A. Summey	Hannersville, "	5 83	8 00	3 00	3 00	8 65	1 25	1 75	2 30	6 00	37 75	75 00	152 53
Lick Creek	H. Marris	Palmerville, "	8 00	10 00	2 50	2 00	6 00	29	1 51	2 00			75 00	106 30
Maple Springs	G. W. Henderson	Blaine, "	25		5 00				25		25	40 00	50 00	95 75
Mt. Lebanon	Lee W. Harris	Eldorado, "	2 03	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	50	30				45 00	51 33
New Friendship	F. H. Jones	Reidsville, "	15 00	12 00	6 00	6 00	28 28	2 00	1 69	13 10		8 00	125 00	217 07
Oak Hill	No Pastor		2 00				2 00							4 00
Orphanage Chrch	W. H. Rich	Thomasville, "	15 00	14 03	12 00	14 17	119 56	3 05	1 00				100 00	278 81
Pine Mtg. House	Jeff Lanning	Denton, "	10 00	5 00	4 30	2 26	6 00		2 25				100 00	129 81
Piny Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington, "	13 21	37 00	9 58	5 56	22 07	4 00	1 70	4 00	12 00	11 00	100 00	220 12
Reed's X Roads	J. M. Bennett	Churchland, "	5 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	10 00		75	8 50			100 00	136 75
Pleasant Fork	J. A. Summey	Hannersville, "	2 00	2 99	2 00	2 53	17 58	2 00	60	5 15		40 85	75 00	150 70
Rich Fork	H. Marton	Thomasville, "	2 00	1 25	1 25	1 50	1 00		70					7 70
Summersville	M. J. Leach	Lassiter, "		50	50	50	50		20					2 20
Thomasville	No Pastor		12 90	7 11	1 03	1 29			40	5 15		15 00	20 87	63 75
Marion	No Pastor								10					10
		Totals,	$165 42	$160 11	$97 10	$33 40	$263 80	$36 10	$25 52	$129 70	$20 10	$689 60	$1,730 87	$3,424 72

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Sixty-Sixth Annual Session

—OF—

Liberty Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Abbott's Creek Church,

August 22, 23 and 24, 1899.

Officers of the Association:

Moderator and Treasurer: JAMES SMITH, Lexington.

Clerk: ELDER HENRY SHEETS, Lexington.

Time, Place and Preacher For Next Session:

The next session of Liberty Association will be held with the church at Reeds X Roads, 5 miles west of Lexington, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1900: Elder W. H. Rich, to preach the opening sermon: Elder J. A. Summey, alternate.

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August, 1899.

Adderton, W. S.	Denton,	N. C.
Boone, J. B.	Thomasville,	"
Carrick, Thos.	High Point,	"
Henderson, G. W.	Blaine,	"
Harris, Lee W.	El Dorado,	"
Lancaster, J. F.	Oak Ridge,	"
Lanning, Jefferson	Denton,	"
Leach, M. J.	Lassiter,	"
Miller, John R.	Fair Grove,	"
Morton, H.	Thomasville,	"
Newton, J. D.	Thomasville,	"
Orrell, N. B.	Abbott's Creek,	"
Rich, W. H.	Thomasville,	"
Sheets, Henry	Lexington,	"
Stoker, A. P.	Denton,	"
Summey, J. A.	Hannersville,	"

Licentiates—None.

Executive Board :

James Smith. John R. Miller. William Bowers.
C. M. Wall. Joe C. Bean.

Proceedings.

ABBOTT'S CREEK CHURCH,
Davidson County, N. C., Aug. 22, 1899.

The Liberty Baptist Association convened with this church to-day in its Sixty-Sixth Annual Session. The opening sermon was preached by Bro. S. B. Wilson, of Wake Forest, from Luke 1:37.

INTERMISSION OF ONE HOUR.

Religious exercises were conducted by J. B. Richardson, D. D., by reading the 12th chapter of Romans, and leading in prayer.

Moderator Smith called the body to order and appointed brethren W. H. Rich and J. O. Pernell Reading Clerks.

The names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—P. R. Bodenhamer, J. S. Spurgin and Moses Teague.

Center Cross—John Cole and G. W. Cole.

Denton—Jas. O. Pernell and W. A. Davis.

El Dorado—By letter.

Holloway's—B. R. Cross, W. F. Palmer and Theodore Stoner.

Huldah—J. R. Richardson.

Jackson's Creek—R. L. Summey and Cicero Pierce.

Jersey—J. B. Palmer and J. D. Palmer.

Kernersville—J. F. Lancaster.

Lexington—A. E. Sheets.

Liberty—J. A. Hepler.

Lick Creek—P. M. Snider and Ernest Reid.

Marion—Not represented.

Maple Springs—Not represented.

Mount Lebanon—By Letter.

New Friendship—H. F. Motsinger, S. A. Hege and J. W. McKaughan.

Oak Hill—Not represented.

Orphanage—J. B. Boone and Ivey Allen.

Pine M. House—R. K. Williams.

Piney Grove—P. N. Motsinger, G. W. Wall and Andrew Hine.

Pleasant Fork—John F. Reich and John W Myers.

Reed's X Roads—A. E. Myers, J. H. Walser and and E. B. Owen.

Rich Fork—Wm. Bowers, R. C. Clinard and Oscar Bowers.

Summerville—W. S. Adderton.

Thomasville—Not represented.

The Moderator gave an invitation to new churches desiring to meet with this body; whereupon, a petition was handed in from Huldah, one of our mission points, which was unanimously received and an invitation extended the delegates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Elder W. H. Rich, Elder J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Baptist Orphanage, was instructed to cast the vote of this body for the re-election of James Smith as Moderator.

On motion, Elder Henry Sheets was re-elected Clerk.

After a fruitless attempt to secure a Treasurer, on motion, Bro. James Smith was elected to the office.

VISITING BRETHREN INVITED TO SEATS.

The following brethren accepted seats:

John Mitchell, D. D., representing the Board of Education; Elder L. Johnson, Vice-President of Foreign Mission Board for North Carolina; Bro. J. C. Caddell, representing the Biblical Recorder; Bro. W. F. Clarida, of the Piedmont Association; Elder. J. W.

Cobb, representing the North Carolina Baptist; Prof. J. H. Gorrell, of Wake Forest College and J. B. Richardson, D. D., of Piedmont Association.

A Committee on Arrangements was appointed, which at once submitted the following report:

ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Wednesday, August 23rd, religious exercises, 9:00 to 9:30 a. m.

1 Routine business, 9:30 to 10:00 a. m.
2 Periodicals, 10:00 to 10:30 a. m.
3 State Missions, 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.
4 Orphanage, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.
5 Education, 2:00 to 3:00 p. m.
6 Foreign Missions, 3:00 to 3:30 p. m.
7 Miscellaneous, 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.

Thursday, August 24th, religious exercises 9:00 to 9:30 a. m.

1 Routine business, 9:30 to 10:00 a. m.
2 Sunday Schools, 10:00 to 10:40 a. m.
3 Home Missions, 10:40 to 11:30 a. m.
4 Temperance, 11:30 to 12:00 m.
5 Miscellaneous, 12:00 m.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Boone.

Vice-President Johnson read the following report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Perhaps no object of our convention has so much of the spirit of Christ as Foreign Missions. It is certain that no church can prosper which has not the missionary spirit. The Lord came to save a lost world and he has intrusted to his followers the great work of conveying to the lost, news of salvation. How are we meeting this great responsibility ?

Nearly nineteen centuries have passed since Jesus said "Go preach the gospel to every creature," and yet two-thirds of the race are in the darkness of heathenism.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the board was instructed to lay out its work on a basis of 25 per cent increase. That means that all the churches are asked to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions twenty-five per cent. Will not the churches of the Liberty Association increase their pledges that much? By so doing they can expect spiritual blessings on the work at home.

This report was then spoken to by brethren Johnson, Clarida, Sheets and Lancaster, after which it was adopted.

The Moderator then appointed the following

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THIS SESSION:

Committee on Finance—W. F. Palmer, J. D. Newton and Oscar Bowers.

Committee to nominate Executive Board—John A. Summey, W. H. Rich and S. A. Hege.

Committee on Place and Preacher—C. H. Teague, H. F. Motsinger and R. K. Williams.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.

On motion of Elder Rich, it was agreed to hold a Memorial Service to-morrow night with reference to J. H. Lamberth, J, H. Mills, and others.

The following named brethren were appointed on the committee: W. H. Rich, J. C. Caddell, S. A. Hege, J. B. Boone and J. B. Richardson.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made the following

REPORT:

That this body meet with the church at Reed's X Roads on Tuesday morning at 11.00 o'clock, before the fourth Sunday in August, 1900, and that Elder W. H. Rich preach the sermon, and Elder John A. Summey, alternate.

COMMITTEES :

The following committees were appointed to report at next session.

On State Missions—John R. Miller and P E. Whicker.

On Foreign Missions—W. H. Rich and John H. Reich.

On Home Missions—Jas. O. Pernell and S. A. Hege.

On Periodicals—S. B. Wilson and H. Morton.

On Education—C. W. Davis and Wm. Bowers.

On Baptist Orphanage—J. B. Boone and A. E. Myers.

On Sunday Schools—Jefferson Lanning and Berry R. Cross.

On Temperance—John A. Summey and P. M. Snider.

On Minister's Relief Fund—Ivey Allen and M. J. Leach.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30.

Benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23d.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder J. F. Lancaster.

Prayer by Dr. J. B. Richardson.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention were appointed as follows: Elder W. H. Rich; Elder Thomas Carrick, Alternate.

Appointed delegates to State Convention as follows: C. M. Wall, James Smith and Ivey Allen.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford Female College, was recognized and invited to a seat. Elder O. L. Stringfield, representing the Baptist Female University, was also invited.

Bro. John R. Miller read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There has never been a time, within the knowledge of your committee, when the Baptist press was better than it is to-day.

The Biblical Recorder, our State organ, is a power for good; and should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. For by no other means can so much be accomplished, in the development of our people, as by the weekly visit of The Recorder.

The Foreign Mission Journal is an indispensable help to every lover of foreign missions. Through it we are made acquainted with the work of our brethren who labor in the Master's harvest beyond the seas.

Our Home Field tells us of the work and the needs of our great mission field within the limits of our own Southern Baptist Convention and the island of Cuba.

Charity and Children, our Orphanage paper, is filled with exceptionally good reading—besides it gives us the news of the the Sunday-school work. But more than all, it comes to us as a letter from home, telling us about our little children that God has given to our care.

The North Carolina Baptist is a good religious paper and is worthy of the patronage of our people.

The Church Worker, edited by Bro. Henry Sheets, is just what it claims to be—a church worker at work.

Your committee would recommend that our pastors use all their influence to increase the circulation of our religious papers among the churches.

JOHN R. MILLER, } Committee.
LEE W. HARRIS, }

This report was spoken to by J. C. Caddell, J. W. Cobb, Archibald Johnson and Thomas Carrick.

Report adopted.

Elder W. H. Rich read the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

Within the last 3d of a century Baptists have grown wonderfully in North Carolina. From a little band of discouraged brethren and sisters we have increased into a mighty host. The great North Carolinian, Rev.

C. Durham, in 1891 said: "Never in my opinion, among any people, since the days of the apostles on earth, has any mission work been more successful in giving the gospel to the people and in building up self-sustaining churches and widening the opportunities and powers of a denomination." In many of our largest and smallest towns, and in the communities far back in the country, churches have been planted through the heroic labors of its missionaries.

New fields are opening up each year. During the last conventional year the western convention has asked for admisston into our convention and has been received joyfully. Shall we take this vast mountain region for Christ? Yes truly. In order to do this we must awake out of sleep and shake off our garments of death.

In our beloved State there are many pernicious doctrines being sown, and error stalks abroad in the land. What is the remedy? The gospel of Jesus Christ. In His name, and for the sake of our homes and the well-being of our institutions let us rise up and meet these enemies with the truth of God. The aim of the State mission board is to give the gospel to every one.

Brother pastors, and brethren and sisters, during this year let us strengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes for State missions.

W. H. Rich.

Remarks on this able report were made by J. C. Caddell, J. B. Richardson, W. H. Rich, J. M. Hilliard and Henry Sheets. Report adopted. Pledges taken.

Bro. C. M. Wall read the report on

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

About the center of this association is located one of the greatest institutions in the State, viz: The Baptist Orphanage.

During the past year you have cared for 175 children who have been fed, clothed, and given the advantage of mental and spiritual training at a cost of a little less than $5.00 per month each. The new nursery is under contract and will be built as soon as possible.

The board of trustees have authorized the raising of a memorial fund in memory of the late J. H. Mills to be put in a Memorial Building for shops for boys.

The applications for orphans are more numerous than ever. We commend the efficient management of this institution. We urge you to increase your contributions to this worthy object.

We hope that every Sunday-school in this association will take at least one collection each month for the Orphanage. C. M. WALL.

This report was spoken to by General Manager Boone. and Prof. F. P. Hobgood. A collection was taken for the benefit of our Orphanage, amounting to $6.70.

Report adopted.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

Benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder O. L. Stringfield led in prayer.

Prof. J. H. Gorrell read the able and instructive

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The work of Baptists and the cause of education are inseparably connected inasmuch as all Baptists should take the deepest interest in the intellectual, moral and spiritual training of their children, and in the education of an efficient ministry. We earnestly favor the increased support by the State of our public schools, but we consider the present policy of our State to higher education as unnecessary, unwise and unjust and reaffirm our unwavering belief in the wisdom and efficiency of the voluntary principle.

MINISTERAL EDUCATION.

Without an educated ministry our churches can make little real progress. To provide for this necessity the convention established the Board of Education. For many years this Board has taken up needy young men and given them financial help during their college course, the provision thus given, as a loan.

Many young men who would otherwise have been debarred from the opportunities of fitting themselves thoroughly for the Master's work have been aided in this way and among them are some of our best ministers. The board has decided for the coming session to aid forty young men instead of thirty as heretofore. Brethren, will you not increase your contributions proportionately to this important object?

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

The Baptist Female University will begin its first session on September 23d. This important work of the higher education of our young women should receive the most hearty sympathy and earnest support of all our people. Let this association help in this good work. The Oxford Seminary and Murfresboro Institute are both excellent institutions under Baptist control and should receive a liberal patronage.

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

Wake Forest College belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina. Founded and fostered by their progress and sacrifices, it has ever sought to do their will and serve their interests. It is preeminently a Christian college. It strives to give thorough culture at a moderate cost in a distinctively Christian atmosphere. The last session of the college was the most successful in all its history: 272 students were enrolled, the Students Christian Association was firmly established and has done a wonderful work in the moral and religious improvement of the student body. The outlook for the present session is flattering and prospects for the future are bright. But the aims of the college can be realized only as the college has the support of the Bastists of the State. Will not every member of this association recognize and emphasize his ownership in the college by giving in larger measure his prayers, his patronage and his sympathy?

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN MITCHELL,
JEFF D. LOOKABILL, } Committee.

The following obituary notices were read:

In the death of Rev. J. H. Lamberth our Association sustains a real loss. As a preacher he was always earnest in manner, simple in method, preaching the WORD in its purity and with great power. As pastor, his genial presence, his kind and sympathetic nature, carried sunshine into the lives and homes of his people. Next to the salvation of souls he rejoiced in the prosperity of our denominational interests. Not a single object in our conventional work that did not receive his earnest endorsement and his substantial support. He believed a Baptist church contained all that was necessary for the highest and most complete development of the individual. It was to this he looked for the support of the orphan, for the instruction of the young in religious work, for the highest ideal of true and loyal citizenship.

We shall miss his wise counsel in the prosecution of our Associational work. As a strong and successful preacher of the gospel his place will not be easily filled. As a man, loyal citizen, and true patriot, we would commend his life as worthy of imitation.

In realizing our loss as churches at the death of our dear brother we would extend our sympathy to others who mourn his departure from among us And we would earnestly pray that the Lord of the harvest may send us one who shall take up his work. Thus causing his life to continue to shine unto the perfect day.

LEWIS SNIDER.

Bro. Lewis Snider, a loyal, useful member of Jersey church, went home to Heaven during the year. He was one of the very best men we have ever known. He is greatly missed in the Jersey church and Sunday-school. He was a loving, indulgent and devoted father and husband. His bereaved ones have our most sincere sympathy.

G. F. SMITH.

In July God called Bro. G. F. Smith, a faithful Deacon of Jersey church, to his reward. He was a noble, useful man. In his death the community lost a citizen indeed, the church a devoted, consecrated member, the Association one of its most loyal friends, and his family a tender, loving husband and father. He has gone. His influence is yet with us. To his stricken family we extend our sincere sympathy.

PETER MALEY.

Bro. Peter Maley died during the year. He was a quiet, good man. Outside of a small circle of friends he was not known.

JOHN TEAGUE.

Bro. John Teague, of Abbott's Creek church, was born August 18th, 1815, and died January 19th, 1899, being 84 years, 7 months and 1 day old at the time of his death. He was baptized into the fellowship of Abbott's Creek church in September, 1835, and elected clerk of his church in May, 1843, and resigned July, 1880. Thus he was a faithful member of Abbott's Creek church for more than 64 years, and served his church as clerk over 37 years. Brother Teague was present at the organization of the Liberty Association and attended nearly all of its sessions for more than 40 years, and regretted very much when he was too old to go—to miss this gathering of God's servants. Bro. Teague has left to us a faithful life, for during all the 64 years of his membership at Abbott's Creek church he was not absent more than a dozen times from his church conference. Brethren may we seek to imitate this noble Christian life of our departed brother, who was a true husband and father and good citizen.

JOHN H. MILLS.

In the death of John H. Mills North Carolina lost one of its foremost citizens and the Baptist denomination one of its strongest members. The crowning work of his busy and useful life was the establishment of the orphanage work in North Carolina, and in the ages yet to come accumulated honors will gather round his name.

Resolved, That the Liberty Association feels deeply the loss of so able a member, and we offer our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.

Committee: W. H. Rich, J. C. Caddell, J. B. Richardson, A. Johnson, J. B Boone and J. M. Hilliard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AUGUST, 1899.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund	Minute Fund.	
Abbotts Creek	2 25			4 00		3 00	3 00	12 25
Center Cross				1 00			50	1 50
Denton	57					1 00	1 06	2 63
El Dorado	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 00	50	10	7 10
Holloway's	6 35			5 12			1 85	13 32
Huldah			1 10				25	1 35
Jackson's Creek			1 00	70			45	2 15
Jersey		1 89		5 35		2 00	1 78	11 02
Kernersville		1 50					80	2 30
Lexington				10 54			3 00	13 54
Liberty		3 00		3 00		1 00	1 05	8 05
Lick Creek	2 50	2 48	6 00	1 00		26	1 35	13 59
Marion								
Maple Springs								
Mt. Lebanon	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	50	25	9 75
New Friendship							75	75
Oak Hill								
Orphanage							50	50
Pine Meet'g House		5 00		4 86			77	10 63
Piny Grove							1 60	1 60
Pleasant Fork	15			2 67				2 82
Reed's Cross Roads		3 50		95			1 75	6 20
Rich Fork		50		1 50		1 00	60	3 60
Summerville	57	1 00	50				10	2 17
Thomasville								
Rock Spring	66				1 00			1 66
Talal	18.05	20 87	11 60	42 19	5 00	9 26	21 51	135 18
Col'ted at Associa'n					6 70			
					11 70			

J. D. Newton,
W. F. Palmer,
I. O. Bowers,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Bro. J. W. Cobb was appointed to preach to-night.

Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 25.

Religious exercises were conducted by Bro. John R. Miller. The committee to name the Executive Board made their

REPORT.

Your committee recommend the following brethren: James Smith, John R. Miller, C. M. Wall, Wm. Bowers and Joe C. Bean The above report, as amended, was adopted.

Elder W. H. Rich made the motion to appoint an Historian for the Liberty Association. On motion, Elder Henry Sheets was appointed to this office.

Bro. John R. Miller offered the following

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to this church and community for the hospitality we have received during this session.

The following was read by Bro. S. B. Wilson:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday-school is a glorious work, commenced by our Savior and carried on by his people. We find that our Savior toiled all through the week, preaching and healing, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue as his custom was and taught the people the scriptures.—(Luke 4:16.) If we are born of Christ we want to be like Him, and to be like Him is to follow in His foot steps. It is our duty to work in the Sunday-school just as it is our duty to live a Christian life.

The influence of this wonderful movement is felt all over our broad land and will be felt more and more as God's people carry it on. All people see its divinity and the great scope of its work. We need leaders, men and women who will go into all parts of the country, establish and run Sunday-schools; who will be leaders for the Lord? We are commanded to "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

We can best please Christ by training those who are to live after us.

Knowing this we ought not to be satisfied until a Sunday-school is established and conducted in every church and community of the Liberty Association.

Let our prayers be "God bless the Sudday-school work."
S. B. WILSON.

Remarks were made by Dr. John Mitchell, S. B. Wilson. Adopted.

The following was read by Bro. Wm. Bowers:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

That the Home Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention has proved itself worthy of our prayers and contributions, is evident to all who are acquainted with its working, its success, etc. Which Board, we think, is second to no other division of our Convention's work, and this would be better understood if compared with other Boards—not that we would weaken the efficiency of other boards to help us, yet we pray for a stronger patronage, larger contributions, etc. Beloved, think of the unoccupied territory in our own land—one-half million square miles of frontier territory which is depending on this Board, if helped by us at all. And who can imagine our responsibility to Cuba and its sister islands. This part of our territory is loudly calling for our help, and help now means victory; delay means loss to us.

We will give a few dots of the Board's work for last year, which we will call this year, compared with the previous year.

The number of missionaries employed this year was 653 against 467 last year; baptisms this year, 6,552 against 4,739 last year; total additions to churches this year, 12,983 against 9,509 last year; Sunday-schools organized this year, 512 with 14,768 teachers and pupils against 297 schools with 7,710 teachers and pupils last year. The amount of money raised on the field this year exceeded that of last year by $11,567.77. This is encouraging to us, so let us take fresh courage and push this work according to its demands. So with greatful hearts to the laborers for their work and contributions, and the Lord for his blessings on the same, we respectfully submit.

WILLIAM BOWERS,
JOHN A. SUMMEY.

The above report was spoken to by Dr. John Mitchell, and John A. Summey. Pledges taken, then report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee would beg leave to submit the following report:

Temperance is one of the most important questions that confronts the Christians of to-day. No man can be a useful servant of Christ who drinks and deals in intoxicating liquors in any way. The Christain who drinks or aids in any way in making or selling intoxicating liquors is doing more for the upbuilding of satan's kingdon than Christ's. God speed the day when our churches will see this evil of intemperance and abstain from all appearance of it.

JEFF LANNING.

Remarks were submitted on above report by Elder Jefferson Lanning, J F Lancaster and Henry Sheets. Report adopted.

Elder H. Morton read the report on

MINISTER'S RELIEF FUND.

The spirit of the gospel is to help the poor. Some of our old preachers and their widows belong to this class; having worn themselves out in the Master's work and are now unable to support themselves or families. Truly they deserve our greatest sympathy and help. "And seeing our brother have need and shutteth up his bowls of compassion from him how dwelleth the love of God in him."—I John 3:17.

There are about fifteen persons receiving aid through this Board, located at Durham, N C., and every church ought to take at least one collection each year for this very worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. NEWTON, } Committee.
H. MORTON, }

Remarks were made by brethren H. Morton and others, when pledges were taken for this worthy object, after which the report was then adopted.

As four of our churches, viz: Marion, Maple Springs, Oak Hill and Thomasville failed to report, Elder John A Summey moved that the Association send messengers to ascertain why said churches failed to make report.

The following named brethren were appointed as messengers: John A. Summey, John R. Miller and W. H. Rich. Elder W. H. Rich was appointed to preach immediately after adjournment.

With this, the body adjourned. Thus ended a pleasant and harmonious session of the Liberty Association. JAMES SMITH, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

The Treasurer offered the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1898 and 1899—RECEIPTS.

To amount	for	State Missions	$158.07
"	"	Foreign "	66.30
"	"	Home "	45 40
"	"	Ministerial Education,	39.91
"	"	Baptist Orphanage	33.60
"	"	Ministers' Relief Fund	12.19
"	"	Minute Fund	24 78
		Total	$380.25

DISBURSEMENTS

By amount	on	State Missions	$158.07
"	"	Foreign Missions	66.30
"	"	Home "	45.40
"	"	Ministerial Education	39.91
"	"	Baptist Orphanage	33.60
"	"	Ministerial Relief Fund	12.19
"	"	Minute Fund	24.78
		Total	$380.25

August 24th, 1899. JAMES SMITH, Treasurer.

The above report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1899.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPER INTENDENTS	SUPERINTENDENTS' POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumns in Library	Quarterlies and Papers Taken	School Expenses
Abbotts Creek	C W Davis	Abbott's Creek, N. C.	6	91		60	$5 20
Center Cross	John Cole.		4	15			
Denton	J C Bean	Denton, " "	6	170			2 94
El Dorado	No School	Reported					
Holloway's	Perry R Cross	Silver Hill, " "	5	65		47	3 50
Huldah	G H Bean.	Mitchfield, " "	4	30			2 00
Jackson's Creek	No School	Reported					
Jersey	J D Palmer	Linwood, " "	6	45		40	3 74
Kernersville	W J Hooker	Kernersville, " "	6	58		168	6 00
Lexington	C W Trice	Lexington, " "	9	65		125	58 48
Liberty	S B Miller	Hannersville, " "	7	60	100	50	4 36
Lick Creek	P M Snider	Bringle's, " "	7	70		75	4 50
Marion	No school.						
Maple Springs	" "						
Mt. Lebanon	" "	Reported					
New Friendship	Felix Sink	Winston-Salem, " "	5	35		35	7 00
Oak Hill	No School						
Orphanage	Ivey Allen	Thomasville, " "	8	198		215	
Pine Meet'g House	John E Sharp	Jubilee, " "	6	70	30	36	3 81
Piny Grove	T S Wall	Wallburg, " "	7	78		100	8 18
Pleasant Fork	John F Reich	Winston-Salem, " "	6			50	2 50
Reed's Cross Roads	H V Myers	Reed's, " "	5	2	150	284	9 84
Rich Fork	Wm Bowers	Jimes, " "	7	70		50	10 00
Summerville	No School	Reported					
Thomasville	Not	Reported					
		Total	104	1202	280	1335	$132 06

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1899.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' P. O.	ADDED.				LOST.				Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Sunday of Preaching.
			Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded	Died.	Total				
Abbotts Creek	C H Teague	Wallburg, N. C.	4			4	1	1	3	5	48	103	151	3d
Center Cross									1	1	7	22	29	1st
Denton	L A Tysinger	Denton, ‘ ‘	12	7		19			1	1	40	45	85	2d
El Dorado	H A Henderson	El Dorado, ‘ ‘							2	2	16	38	54	3d
Holloway's	Berry R Cross	Silver Hill, ‘ ‘	4			4	2	4		6	62	115	177	2d
Huldah	Letter not sent													
Jackson's Creek	John T Pierce	Jones' Mine, ‘ ‘	9			9	2	2	1	5	27	68	95	4th
Jersey	G W Palmer	Linwood, ‘ ‘		3		3	1		3	4	68	88	156	3d
Kernersville	Wyatt W Bowman	Kernersville, ‘ ‘					2	1		3	18	52	70	2d
Lexington	R T Hamner	Lexington, ‘ ‘	2	2	1	5	3	3	3	9	63	83	146	1-3d
Liberty	J M Easter	Hannersville, ‘ ‘	17		2	19	1	2	2	5	67	136	203	2d
Lick Creek	B C Cole	Bringle's, ‘ ‘		1		1	3	2	1	6	54	69	123	4th
Marion	Not reported	Statistics last year									2	4	6	
Maple Springs	‘ ‘	‘ ‘ ‘									8	20	28	2d
Mt. Lebanon	J G Parks	Lassiter, N C.						3		3	9	25	34	2d
New Friendship	S A Hege	Winston Salem, ‘	8			8	4		5	9	48	83	131	4th
Oak Hill	Not reported	Statistics last year									11	23	34	1st
Orphanage	Miss Anna Hall	Thomasville, N. C.	26	6		32	16			16	50	92	142	1-4
Pine Meet'g House	R K Williams	Tyro Shops, ‘ ‘		2	2	4	1	2	2	5	58	135	193	4th
Piny Grove	P E Whicker	Bethany, ‘ ‘							3	3	26	36	62	1st
Pleasant Fork	John F Reich	Winston-Salem, ‘						1		1	14	19	33	1st
Reed's Cross Roads	D C Craver	Reed's, ‘ ‘	3	1		4	3			3	50	73	123	1st
Rich Fork	J F Clinard	Thomasville, ‘ ‘	1			1	8		2	10	29	53	82	4th
Summerville	W S Adderton	Denton, ‘ ‘			1	1	5		1	6	13	35	48	1st
Thomasville	Not reported										11	21	32	
			86	22	6	114	52	21	30	103	799	1438	2237	

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG , 1900

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund	Totals
Abbotts Creek	8 00	3 00	8 00	4 00	16 00	3 50	42 50
Center Cross	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 50
Denton	4 50	2 50	4 00	1 50	8 00	1 00	21 50
El Dorado	1 00	1 00	1 25	50	2 00	50	6 25
Holloway's	15 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	20 00	3 00	56 00
Huldah	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	5 50
Jackson's Creek	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	15 00	1 00	22 00
Jersey	15 00	6 00	10 00	7 00	20 00	2 00	60 00
Kernersville	7 50	4 00	7 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	29 50
Lexington	25 00	16 00	20 00	15 00	25 00	5 00	106 00
Liberty	6 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	1 50	34 50
Lick Creek	8 00	5 00	10 00	2 00		1 00	26 00
Marion							
Maple Springs							
Mt. Lebanon	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	50	10 50
New Friendship	10 00	6 00	12 00	5 00	25 00	2 00	60 00
Oak Hill							
Orphanage	16 50	12 50	20 00	10 00	75 00	3 00	137 00
Pine Meet'g House	10 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	38 00
Piny Grove	10 00	5 00	25 00	5 00	15 00	4 00	64 00
Pleasant Fork	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	24 00
Reed's Cross Roads	6 00	4 00	6 00	2 50	10 00	2 00	30 50
Rich Fork	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	6 00	1 00	14 50
Summerville	50	1 00	75		1 50	50	4 25
Thomasville				1 00			1 00
Union Meeting	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00		60 00
Fairmont	2 00				2 00		4 00
Rook Spring					1 00		1 00
	171 00	100 50	171 00	89 50	294 50	38 50	865 00

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1899.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S POSTOFFICE	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minister's Relief Fund	Minute Fund.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor of Church	Other Objects	Pastor's Salaries	Totals
Abbotts Creek	J M Hilliard	High Point, N. C.	8 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	18 11	3 00	3 00			10 00	100 00	155 11
Center Cross	Jeff Lanning	Denton, ‘ ‘	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 50	50	50				40 00	47 00
Denton	Jeff Lanning	Denton, ‘ ‘	4 65	2 70	2 35	1 50	16 10	1 00	1 06	14 10		55 00	60 00	158 46
El Dorado	M J Leach	Lassiter, ‘ ‘	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 00	50	10	20			30 00	37 30
Holloway's	John R Miller.	Fair Grove, ‘ ‘	15 00	6 65	8 15	5 12	12 75	3 48	1 85		6 25	63 35	100 00	222 60
Huldah	Jeff Lanning	Denton, ‘ ‘	1 00		1 10		2 13		25			25		4 73
Jackson's Creek	John A Summey	Hannersville, ‘ ‘	1 73	2 00	1 55		1 35		45	7 37		26	30 00	44 71
Jersey	W H Rich	Thomasville, ‘ ‘	15 48	5 85	10 00	7 85	21 56	2 00	1 78	10 00			125 00	199 52
Kernersville	W H Rich	Thomasville, ‘ ‘	9 29	5 00	9 00	60	5 86	2 00	80	10 00			75 00	107 65
Lexington	Supply H Sheets	Lexington, ‘ ‘	25 00	17 00	20 00	10 54	61 10	5 11	3 00	51 89			250 00	443 64
Liberty	John A Summey	Hannersville, ‘ ‘	5 00	3 00	8 00	3 00		1 00	1 05	52		11 31	75 00	107 88
Lick Creek	H Morris	Palmerville, ‘ ‘	7 00	4 00	9 00	1 00	7 30	26	1 35	1 50		11 00	77 00	119 41
Marion	No report													
Maple Springs	No report													
Mt. Lebanon	John R Jordan	Franklinsville, ‘	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	50	25				40 00	49 75
New Friendship	F H Jones	Reidsville, ‘ ‘	10 00	6 00	12 00	5 00	63 17	2 00	75	53 95			125 00	277 87
Oak Hill	No report													
Orphanage	W H Rich	Thomasville, ‘ ‘	17 66	12 88	21 41	15 09	84 68	3 05	50				100 00	255 27
Pine Meet'g House	Jeff Lanning	Denton, ‘ ‘	10 00	5 00	5 65	4 86	5 05		77	83 75		124 40	100 00	339 48
Piny Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington, ‘ ‘	11 78	17 93	25 00	6 40	14 89	4 27	1 60	8 00	18 00		100 00	207 87
Pleasant Fork	John A Summey.	Hannersville, ‘ ‘	5 00	2 00	3 00	2 68	11 50	2 07			12 00		50 00	
Reed's Cross Roads	John R Miller.	Fair Grove, ‘ ‘	6 00	3 00	6 00	1 50			1 75	5 00			100 00	88 25
Rich Fork	John R Miller.	Fair Grove, ‘ ‘	2 00	1 50	2 00	7 50	1 00	1 00	60	1 00			40 00	123 25
Summerville	M J Leach	Lassiter, ‘ ‘	50	1 00	50		1 00	10	10	6 00			30 00	56 60
Thomasville	No report													39 20
			161 09	102 01	154 71	79 14	333 05	31 84	21 51	253 28	36 25	275 57	1 647	3 095 45

Minutes

OF THE

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF

Liberty Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Reed's X Roads Church,

August 21st, 22nd and 23rd. 1900.

Officers of the Associoation :

Moderator : James Smith, - - - - Lexington.
Clerk : Elder Henry Sheets, - - - Lexington.
Treasurer : S. H. Averitt, - - - Thomasville.

The Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session.

The next Session of Liberty Association will convene with the church at Lexington, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1901. Introductory sermon by Elder C. A. G. Thomas.

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, August, 1900.

Adderton, W. S	Denton,	N. C.
Boone, J. B	Thomasville,	"
Carrick, Thos	High Point,	"
Harris, Lee W	El Dorado,	"
Henderson, G W	Blaine,	"
Lancaster, J. F	Oak Ridge,	"
Lanning, Jefferson	Denton,	"
Leach, M. J	Lassiter,	"
Miller, John R	Thomasville,	"
Morton, H	Thomasville,	"
Newton, J. D	Thomasville,	"
Orrell, N. B	Abbott's Creek,	"
Rich, W. H	Lexington,	"
Sheets, Henry	Lexington,	"
Stoker, A. P	Denton,	"
Summey, John A	Hannersvile,	"
Thomas, C. A. G	Thomasville.	"

No Licentiates.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

John R. Miller. Chairman.
James Smith, Wm. Bowers, J. C. Bean,
C. M. Wall.

PROCEEDINGS.

REED'S X ROADS CHURCH,
DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,
August 21, 1900.

The Liberty Association met with this church in its Sixty-seventh Annual session. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. H. Rich from II Cor. 8:9, and Rev. 2:9. After the sermon, adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder J. D. Newton conducted religious exercises.

Moderator Smith called the body to order, when the churches were called and names of messengers enrolled as follows .

Abbott's Creek—D. D. Orrell, C. H. Teague and N. R. Teague.

Center Cross—By Letter.

Denton—H. C. Tysinger and W. A. Davis.

El Dorado—Not Represented.

Holloway's—B. R. Cross and J. F. Carrick.

Huldah—By Letter.

Jackson's Creek—R. L. Summey and Wm. L. Summey.

Jersey—Z. T. Sharpe, R. B. Miller and Robert Tate.

Kernersville—J. F. Lancaster.

Lexington—John T. Yarbrough.

Liberty—D. H. Hepler and D. M. Summey.

Lick Creek—J. W. Cole.

Marion—C. S. Green.

Maple Springs—By Letter.

Mt. Lebanon—By Letter.

New Friendship—A. P. Snider, S. A. Hege and Alex Hartman.

Oak Hill—By Letter.

Orphanage—S. H. Averitt and Archibald Johnson.

Pine Meeting House—R. K. Williams.

Piney Grove—P. N. Motsinger.

Pleasant Fork—J. W. Myers and John F. Reich.

Reed's X Roads—G. W. Snider, C. R. Myers, Jr., and J. W. Massey.

Rich Fork—Wm. Bowers and T. H. Small.

Summerville—J. Buie.

Thomasville—By Letter.

An invitation was extended to new churches desiring to join this body. A petition from Stoner's Grove was presented desiring admission. On motion, the church was received and right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, Elder John R. Miller was instructed to cast the vote for Bro. James Smith as Moderator to succeed himself. Elder Henry Sheets was elected Clerk, and Bro. S. H. Averitt, Treasurer.

The following named visiting brethren reported and were welcomed to seats in the body, viz: Elder R. A. Moore of Robeson Association; John Mitchell, D. D, of Central Association, representing Board of Education; Elder O. L. Stringfield, representing the Baptist Female University; Bro. J. C. Caddell in the interest of the Biblical Recorder, and Elder J. W. Cobb represented the North Carolina Baptist.

On motion of Bro. Rich. agreed to adopt the order of "Arrangement" adopted last year, which follows:

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENT.

Wednesday, August 22d, religious exercises 9 to 9:30 a. m.

1. Routine business, 9:30 to 10 a. m.
2. Periodicals, 10 to 10:30 a. m.
3. State Missions, 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.
4. Orphanage, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.

5. Education, 2 to 3 p. m.
6. Foreign Missions, 3 to 3:30 p. m.
7. Miscellaneous, 3:30 to 4 p. m.

Thursday, August 23d, religious exercises 9 to 9:30 a. m.

1. Routine business, 9:30 to 10 a. m.
2. Sunday Schools, 10 to 10:40 a. m.
3. Home Missions, 10:40 to 11:30 a. m.
4. Temperance, 11:30 to 12 m.
5. Miscellaneous, 12 m.

Adjournment.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next year: Arch'd Johnson, B. R. Cross and R. K. Williams.

Finance Committee: S. A. Hege and J. M. Hilliard.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made the following report: Place Lexington. Preacher, C. A. G. Thomas.

On motion of Elder Rich, Periodicals were made special order for immediate discussion; speeches were made by Brethren J. C. Caddell, J. W. Cobb, Arch'd Johnson, Henry Sheets and J. D. Newton.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to nominate the Executive Board: W. H. Rich, S. A Hege and John F. Reich.

Appointed the following named committees to report next year:

State Missions—A. Johnson and A. P. Snider.
Foreign Missions—John R. Miller and C. W. Davis.
Home Missions—W. H. Rich and S. E. Wafford.
Periodicals—J. M. Hilliard and C. M. Wall.
Education—S. H. Averitt and A. E. Myers.
Baptist Orphanage—John A. Summey and Wm. Bowers.
Sunday Schools—J. D. Newton and Oscar Bowers.
Temperance—Jef Lanning and Berry R. Cross.
Minister's Relief—M. J. Leach and J. F. Lancaster.

On motion, the Order of Arrangement was changed so as to occupy the time for State Missions from 10 to

11, and Education from 11 to 12:30. Adjourned. Benediction by Dr. John Mitchell.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22ND.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder R. A. Moore reading the 12th chapter of Romans.

Elder J. D. Newton read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The value of good books and papers in our homes cannot be estimated. Reading makes a full man; that is, a full brain and a full heart. An idle brain is the devil's workshop. A mind well stored with the best thoughts of literature, of history and the current events of these wonderful times, has no room for the baser things which defile the character and destroy the soul.

The Biblical Recorder, the endorsed organ of our State Convention, is a paper of recognized ability—recognized by all denominations as the most influential and powerful factor in communicating religious thought in North Carolina. We could wish that every Baptist home in our borders might receive and read this paper every week.

We would commend the "North Carolina Baptist," "Charity and Children," "The Church Worker," papers published in our own State for the spiritual upbuilding of all our people.

We would also recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" and "Our Home Field" for our brethren who wish information in regard to our foreign and home work. Respectfully,

J. D. NEWTON,
J. F. LANCASTER,
Committee.

The discussion was had on yesterday. See proceedings.

Elder John R. Miller read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Dear Brethren: If we would do a great work for the Master throughout the world, we must first do a great work for him at home.

If North Carolina would send forth a life-giving stream of Gospel truth, she must be pure and strong at the fountain-head.

Therefore, State Missions lie at the base of all our work. Let us cultivate the territory within our own borders, and develop our strength at home, and we will then be prepared for still greater work abroad.

There are hundreds—yes, I might say thousands—of places in North Carolina where Baptist churches could, and ought to be established, had we but the means to send men to these hopeful and needy fields.

Then there is the great Mountain Section of our State, that comes to us and calls for help. And its call is no greater than its need, for it not only needs religious and educational development, but in this beautiful garden spot of our State the devil seems to be determined to sow down all his pernicious isms and false doctrines, from Mormonism on up.

Can we, as Baptists, stand idly by and see this beautiful section of our State lost to Baptist interests and the Lord's cause? God forbid! Then what must we do? Rally to State Missions, pastors, laymen, brethren and sisters. Let us make a sacrifice, in order that North Carolina may be a great and pure fountain, to send forth the unadulterated Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN R. MILLER.

This able report was spoken to by Secretary John E. White. Cash collection, $4.60. Report adopted.

Bro. William Bowers read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The demand and need of an education is showing itself more than ever before. Every industry and vocation seems to be calling for a better education. The mother earth never before called so loudly and plainly for an educated husbandry.

The best earthly dowry that we, as parents, can give our children, is an education While the public school system is not what we would have it, yet it is much better than none, and should receive our patronage, with an effort on our part to improve it.

We are thankful for so many academies over our State, which are being run wholly or partly in our interest, and we recommend for our children's spiritual good that we patronize our own schools. This is an important step.

We are proud of our University at Raleigh, built for the good of higher education for our young women we are glad to know that it started off so well. Brethren, this school belongs to us and we should do all for it that we could to make it a success. In connection with this is the Oxford Seminary and Murfreesboro Institute, both excellent institutions, under Baptist control, and are worthy of our patronage.

Wake Forest College was founded more than 60 years ago by the Baptists of our State as a Christian college, and has ever striven to do their will and bidding, so far as would be pleasing in the sight of the Master. This school should receive our prayers and our patronage as far as possible And who would deny that the Lord is calling to the ministry young men who are not able to educate themselves. And to meet this necessity our State convention has established a Board of Education to help those poor boys, which has resulted in doing much good to us, our State and nation. Many of our very best and most useful ministers have been helped by this Board; and should we not continue to support this Board with increased contributions? This is its greatest need at present. Does not the command which says, "Go, teach," imply, first, a preparation to teach. Brethren, your sympathies, your prayers and your contributions, and the work will be done.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Bowers,
C. W. Davis.

Speeches on this report were made by O. L. Stringfield and Dr. John Mitchell. After pledges had been taken, the body adjourned one hour for dinner. Benediction by O. L. Stringfield.

AFTEROON SESSION.

The body called to order. The committee to name the executive committee for the association submitted the following named brethren:

J. R. Miller, chairman; James Smith, Wm. Bowers, J. C. Bean, C. M. Wall

W. H. Rich,
S A. Hege,
Jno. F. Reich,
Committee.

Bro. A. E. Myers read the following:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

The Orphanage has had a year of great prosperity. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees it was decided to erect a machine shop, to be called the Mills Memorial Building, for training such of the boys as show a mechanical turn how to handle tools. The building is in process of construction, and it is hoped that it will be completed within the year. It will cost $2,500, and only about one-third of that amount is in the hands of the Treasurer.

The number of orphans now at the institution is about 185, but many others are knocking for admittance. More dormitory room is the great need. The rigid economy in the management of the Orphanage is still maintained. The cost of caring for the children, including all the expenses of running the institution, is a little less than $5 per month per capita. We are proud of this showing, which is not surpassed by any orphanage of its class in the country.

We are glad to note the number of Sunday schools making a monthly offering to the Orphanage, rapidly increasing. We urge every Sunday School in the Liberty Association to adopt this plan, for the good of the schools, as well as for that of the Orphanage. This institution, located within the bounds of this body, should be the object of our peculiar pride and love. We hope that not a Baptist within our bounds will fail to do his best for it during the year to come. It was never doing a more blessed work, and it was never in greater need of the love and sympathy of our people crystalized into coin.

J. B. BOONE,
A. E. MYER.

This report was spoken to by Bro. A. Johnson. After pledges had been taken the report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. John F. Reich.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our last Southern Baptist Convention, held in Hot Springs, Ark., in May, was marked by deep missionary zeal. The reports presented from the different boards were encouraging.

Our Foreign Board presented a report very cheering to the hearts of the brotherhood. Last year the convention said we must advance 25 per cent. We are glad to hear that all the money for this advance was given. Not only so, but sixteen new missionaries were sent out; and, best of all, God gave us an increase of 58 per cent over any former year in baptism on the foreign fields; 1,341 additions by baptism were reported for the year. Surely God has blessed us, and we praise him. For 1898-99 we raised $109,267.43; for 1899-1900 we raised $140,102.30. At the convention the Board was instructed to lay out the work for this year on a basis of $200,000. This means earnest prayer for enlarged things and much faithful preaching and giving Shall we not make plans to be carried out during this associational year for enlarged contribution to give the precious news of God's love in Christ to our fellowbeings who are dying in sin and going down to endless night.

Oh, brethren, let us carry out his last commission to us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Many of our churches will have to advance at least fifty per cent over their contributions last year. But we can do this for the Master's sake.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us all join in praying to God for this work. We need men and women right now to go out. Let us ask God for them. Pray to him for the missionaries, for the Board, for our brethren, that we may have hearts full of love for Christ and dying men, and may give liberally to him who gave his son for us.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. REICH,
W. H. RICH.

Remarks were made by Brethren John E. White and W. H. Rich. Pledges taken and report adopted.

Bro. J. D. Newton read the following report on

HOME MISSIONS.

Year by year, as the Baptist State Convention attempts to supply the spiritual wants of our needy people, the Home Mission Board becomes more impressed, not only with the fact that the field of destitution is widening, but that the importance of our country's evangelization to the conversion of the world is becoming more manifest. In 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, the entire population of this territory was about 8,000,000.

Of this number, among those who had reached the age of accountability, the unevangelized were but 2,750,000. Today the same territory contains 25,000,000, of whom more than 20,000,000 are accountable beings, and of those not more than 8,000,000 make any profession of religion, leaving 12,000,000 of unregenerated accountable beings, and of this number about 6,000,000 are included in our Baptist faith. Dear brethren, should not this report stimulate us to increase our contributions to supply the destitution in our own home field?

Respectfully submitted,

S A. HEGE,
JOHN A. SUMMEY,
Committee.

Remarks were submitted on this report by J. C. Caddell, Pledges taken and report adopted.

Delegate to Southern Baptist convention, Elder Henry Sheets; alternate, Elder W. H. Rich.

Delegates to North Carolina State Convention, C. M. Wall, John F. Reich and C. H. Teague.

On motion of Bro. John R. Miller, the Clerk is allowed ten dollars for superintending the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that we have all the minutes printed the remainder of the fund will pay for.

Sung the doxology. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22D.

Religious exercises, conducted by Dr. John Mitchell, reading 3d chapter of Proverbs.

Moderator Smith called the body to order.

Treasurer James Smith submitted his report, which follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1899-1900.

To amount for	State Missions	$129	15
" "	Minister's Relief Fund	11	08
" "	Home Missions	49	18
" "	Foreign "	43	60
" "	Orphanage	32	35
" "	Education	39	19
" "	Minutes Fund	26	32
		$330	87

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid on	State Missions	$129	15
" " "	Minister's Relief Fund	11	08
" " "	Home Missions	49	18
" " "	Foreign "	43	60
" " "	Orphanage	32	35
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		$330	87

Aug. 22d, 1900. JAMES SMITH, Treasurer,

Report adopted.

The Committee appointed to visit, as Messengers, Marion, Thomasville, Oak Hill and Maple Springs and ascertain why they were not co-operating with us in the Lord's work, made its report. Regrets were expressed that these churches were not active in the Lord's work; but hope was manifested that now, that these churches have preaching, they will take a deeper interest in the Lord's work.

Bro. J. D. Newton read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is to be deplored that there are some churches in our Association that have no Sunday School, since it is true that the very best and strongest of our Christian men and women were trained in the Sunday School.

This is not only true of our Association, but of most of our Associations in the State and throughout the South. There is a movement on foot by our Sunday School Board at Nashville to reach all the churches in the south that are destitute of Sunday Schools. It is the duty of us all to study the destitutions in our reach and strive to establish Sunday Schools at all of these points.

We recommend to the churches without Sunday Schools that they organize for the purpose of studying God's word together, at some time during the next Associational year and let these churches send up their report next year at Lexington.

Our Sunday School Board at Nashville is ready and glad to send literature free to any Sunday School that is not able to buy literature—this is for one quarter and that in order to give weak schools a start.

Let us seek to revive interest in this department of our work, for we feel that the well organized Sunday School is the hope of our Baptist children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. NEWTON,
B. R. CROSS,
Committee.

Remarks were made by J. D. Newton and Dr. John Mitchell. Adopted

Elder M. J. Leach read the report on

MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

We should thank God for the faithful preachers of the past who have worn themselves out in faithful service for the Master. Some of them and their widows are lingering here with us yet. These deserve our sympathy and are worthy of receiving aid from us. Let us not see them in need and fail to administer unto them.

There are about fifteen needy persons of this class receiving aid from the Board located at Durham, N. C. We ask each to take a deep interest in aiding this needy and worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. LEACH,
IVEY ALLEN,
Committee.

Remarks on the above report were submitted by M. J. Leach, Henry Sheets and John A. Summey.

Pledges were taken for this important work, after which the report was adopted.

Elder John A. Summey submitted the report on

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the greatest evils that threatens the prosperity of our churches and country. Therefore we would recommend that all our churches do all in their power to free themselves from this great and growing evil by church discipline, prayer and the casting of our votes.

P. M. SNIDER,
JOHN A. SUMMEY,
Committee.

Remarks were made by Brethren John R. Miller, J. M. Hilliard, M. J. Leach and Henry Sheets. Report adopted.

Bro. J. M. Hilliard read the Report on Finance. (See table).

An effort was put forth to raise $52.50 by individual subscriptions to pay the tuition of some poor girl at the Baptist Female University for on year. The following sums were raised: W. H. Rich, $5; John R. Miller, $5; A. R. Craver, jr., $5; Henry Sheets-$5; S. H. Averitt, $5; Jersey Church, $7; Lexing; ton Church, $5; J. D. Newton, $1; A. E. Myers, $1, Wm. Bowers, $1; Oak Hill Church, $1; G. W. Wall. $1; R. B. Miller, 50 cents; J. W. Cole, 50 cents; J. W. Myers, $1; Denton Church, $1; H. C. Tysinger,

$1; C. M. Wall, $1, Mrs. N. R Teague, $1; J. L, Myers, $1; Hugh Palmer, $1; C. R. Myers, jr., $1; Cash collection, $2.92; amount pledged and paid, $53 92.

Bro. Rich offered the following:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association is extended to this church for its free and full hospitality during this session.

Bro. John R. Miller read the following

RECOMMENDATION.

To the Liberty Association.

Dear Brethren: We, the Executive Board of the Liberty Association, beg to recommend a close bond of union with our State Mission Board, to-wit: We ask the State Board to assume the payment of our missionaries, and we turn over all amounts collected in the Association for State Missions to State Board. Further, we ask that the State Board shall cultivate such points within our bounds as shall be recommended by this Board. Further, this shall in no way interfere with present arrangements or appropriations during the present conventional year.

JOHN R. MILLER,
C. M. WALL,
WM. BOWERS,
JAMES SMITH.

The above recommendations were discussed by Brethren John R. Miller, C. M. Wall and J. M. Hilliard. The recommendations were heartily adopted.

The work of the Association now being completed, the body adjourned to meet with the church in Lexington, August, 1901. After Doxology, prayer was offered by Dr. John Mitchell.

Thus ended a pleasant and harmonious session.

HENRY SHEETS, Secretary.
JAMES SMITH, Moderator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, August, 1900.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS	SUPERINTENDENTS' POSTOFFICE.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total Teachers and Scholars	Vols. in Library.	Quarterlies and Papers Taken.	School Expenses.
Abbott's Creek	C. W. Davis	Abbott's Creek, N. C.	6	80	86		60	$ 5 08
Center Cross	John Cole	Seagrove, "	4	27	31			
Denton	J. C. Bean	Denton "	7	129	136		110	8 18
Eldorado								
Holloways	Berry R. Cross	Silver Hill, "	5	60	65	60	60	4 50
Huldah	G. H. Bean	Michfield, "	7	40	47		50	1 50
Jackson,s Creek	R L. Summey	Lytton, "	5	50	55		45	1 40
Jersey	J. D. Palmer	Linwood, "	6	40	46		40	7 20
Kernersville	W. J. Hooker	Kernersville, "	5	59	64		144	13 10
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington, "	25	250	275		130	103 79
Liberty	R. B. Miller	Hannersville, "	7	65	72	100	66	2 17
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringle's, "	7	70	77		89	5 00
Maple Springs	J. E. Harper	Quinine, "	6	95	101		104	
Marion	No School							
Mt. Lebanon	No School							
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	Winston-Salem, "	4	31	35			3 00
Oak Hill	No School.							
Orphanage	S. H. Averitt	Thomasville, "	12	197	209		209	
Pine M. House	John E. Sharpe	Jubilee, "	7	104	111	31	105	14 56
Piney Grove	T. S. Wall	Wallburg, "	6	75	81		60	18 00
Pleasant Fork	No School							
Reed's X Roads	A. E. Myers	Reed's, "	8	72	80	100	296	6 34
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers	Jimes, "	8	60	68		50	25 00
Stoner's Grove	No Report							
Summerville	O. M. Peterson	Denton, "	4	20	24			
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart	Thomasville, "	3	25	28		35	3 50
			142	1549	1691	291	1653	$222 32

Table of Pledges for 1900–1901.

Churches.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Educa-tion.	Baptist Orphan-age.	Minister's R. Fund.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek........	$ 10 00	$ 3 00	$ 8 00	$ 4 00	$ 16 00	$ 3 50	$ 44 50
Center Cross	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	5 50
Denton..............	4 50	2 50	4 00	1 50	8 00	1 00	21 50
El Dorado	.. ..	....	1 00	....	1 00	....	2 00
Halloway's	15 00	5 00	8 00	5 00	20 00	3 00	56 00
Huldah	1 00	1 00	1 50	50	1 00	1 00	6 00
Jackson's Creek....	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	9 00
Jersey	15 00	6 00	12 00	7 00	20 00	2 00	62 00
Kernersville	8 00	2 00	6 00	3 00	6 00	1 00	26 00
Lexington	30 00	16 00	28 00	15 00	25 00	5 00	119 00
Liberty.........................	....	4 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	1 50	28 50
Lick Creek	6 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	1 00	35 00
Maple Springs	....	....	....	....	1 00	....	1 00
Marion........................	1 00	....	....	1 00	1 00	....	3 00
Mt. Lebanon..	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	50	10 50
New Friendship.....	12 00	6 00	10 00	5 00	25 00	2 00	60 00
Oak Hill	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	2 00	....	9 50
Orphanage..................	18 00	12 50	20 00	10 00	....	3 00	63 50
Pine Mg. House.....	10 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	38 00
Piney Grove	10 00	10 00	30 00	5 00	15 00	4 00	74 00
Pleasant Fork..........	6 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	26 00
Reed's X Roads.....	6 00	4 00	8 00	2 50	10 00	2 00	32 50
Rich Fork	2 50	2 00	2 00	1 50	6 00	1 00	15 00
Stoner's Grove.......	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 00	50	7 00
Summerville	1 00	1 00	75	50	1 50	50	5 25
Thomasville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Union Meeting.......	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	....	60 00
Totals................	$178 00	$105 50	$188 75	$92 00	$218 50	$37 50	$820 25

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1900.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	ADDED.				LOST.				Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	Sunday of Preaching.
			Baptized.	Re'cd Let'r.	Restored.	Total.	Dis. by Let'r	Excluded.	Died.	Total.				
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague.	Wallburg.	5	1		6	5	2	1	8	48	103	151	3rd
Center Cross	Lindon Brown.	Seagrove.						1		1	7	22	29	4th
Denton	L. A. Tysinger.	Denton.	12			12	2		3	5	44	48	92	2nd
Eldorado	Not represented.										16	38	54	
Holloways	Berry R. Cross.	Silver Hill.	14		2	16	26	7	2	35	57	102	159	2nd
Huldah	Vester Moore.	Mitchfield.	3			3	2			2	6	12	18	3rd
Jacksons Creek	J. T. Pierce.	Cox.	9			9	2	1	2	5	26	76	102	
Jersey	G. W. Palmer.	Linwood.	7	5	1	13	6		3	9	67	91	158	1st
Kernersville.	W. W. Bowman	Kernersville.		5		5	1		3	4	18	54	72	2nd
Lexington.	S. L. Owen.	Lexington.	27	16	1	44	2	1	3	6	80	107	187	1, 2, 3, 4
Liberty	J. M. Easter.	Eden.					3	3	6	12	60	132	192	3rd
Lick Creek	B. C. Cole.	Bringle's.	14			14		3	3	6	59	72	131	4th
Maple Springs	W. W. Harper.	Asbury.	4			4					8	27	35	2nd
Marion	R. S. Green.	Jimes.											6	3rd
Mt. Lebanon	R. M. Cagle.	Pisgah.	2			2					10	26	36	1st
New Friendship	S. A. Hege.	Winston-Salem.	2			2	5	2	2	9	38	75	113	4th
Oak Hill	M. F. Und'rwood	Wheatmore.									10	17	27	1st
Orphanage	Miss Annie Hall	Thomasville.	1	7		8	16			16	57	74	131	2nd, 4th
Pine M. House.	R. K. Williams.	Tyro Shops.	32			32	2	15	5	22	72	140	212	4th
Piny Grove	P. E. Whicker.	Bethany.	5	4		9					28	40	68	1st
Pleasant Fork	Jno. F. Reich.	Winston-Salem.					1	11	1	13	8	10	18	1st
Reed's X Roads	D. C. Craver.	Reed's.	9			9	1			1	54	77	131	1st
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard.	Thomasville.	9			9	3	6		9	28	55	83	4th
Stoner's Grove	No Letter.													
Summerville	W. S. Adderton	Denton.	1			1			1	1	14	34	48	1st
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart.	Thomasville.		5		5	2			2	11	23	34	2, 3, 4th
			156	43	4	203	79	52	35	166	826	1455	2287	

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1900.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Educa-tion.	Baptist Orphan-age.	Minister's R. Fund.	Minute Fund.	Incidentals	Poor of Church	Other Objects	Pastors' Salaries.	Totals.	Value of Church Property.
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard	High Point, N. C.	$ 9 00	$ 3 00	$ 8 25	$ 4 00	$ 16 00	$ 3 50	$ 2 50	$ 22 00	$ 2 40	$ 5 50	$ 100 00	$ 176 15	$ 1,000 00
Center Cross	M. J Leach	Lassiter, “	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25				30 00	36 75	200 00
Denton	Jeff Lanning	Denton, “	4 50	2 81	4 00	1 50	11 66	1 00	1 65	56 55			75 00	158 67	800 00
El Dorado	Not	Represented.													
Halloway's	John R. Miller	Thomasville, “	15 00	6 65	10 00	6 15	21 19	4 60	1 86	18 00		1 00	100 00	184 45	800 00
Huldah	M. J. Leach	Lassiter, “	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 40	1 00	50	5 00		2 98	35 00	50 38	200 00
Jackson's Creek	Jno. A. Summey	Hannersville, “	2 00	1 00	2 00			60	30	7 25		2 18	30 00	45 33	300 00
Jersey	W. H. Rich	Lexington, “	15 00	6 00	10 00	7 00	34 80	2 00	1 32	10 00		852 39	150 00	1088 51	3,500 00
Kernersville	W. H. Wilson	Madison, “	50	6 50	8 40	6 00	18 00		35	10 00			100 00	156 75	1,000 00
Lexington	W H. Rich	Lexington, “	25 00	25 20	28 31	16 41	30 43	5 00	2 50	90 92		52 00	450 00	725 77	3,500 00
Liberty	Jeff Lanning	Denton, “	6 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	7 30	1 50	73				75 00	107 53	360 00
Lick Creek	J. A Summey	Hannersville, “	8 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	7 50	2 00	1 38	20 00			75 00	130 88	300 00
Maple Springs	G. W. Henderson	Blaine, “											25 00	25 00	300 00
Marion	J D. Newton	Thomasville, “							20					20	
Mt. Lebanon	L. G. Lewis	N. Hope Ac'y, “	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00		25					10 25	200 00
New Friendship	F. H. Jones	Reidsville, “	10 00	6 00	12 00	5 00	52 57	2 00	2 25	33 25			125 00	248 07	2,300 00
Oak Hill	J. D. Newton	Thomasville, “	1 00	75	84					50 00			18 00	70 59	300 00
Orphanage	C. A. G. Thomas	Thomasville, “	22 04	19 50	30 84	17 50	72 90		1 50			*46 39	100 00	310 67	
Pine M'g. House	Jeff Lanning	Denton, “	10 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	1 11		6 00	50 00	100 00	195 11	1,500 00
Piney Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington, “	25 99	20 65	31 28	5 00	15 00	4 00	1 50	19 25		37 80	100 00	260 47	500 00
Pleasant Fork	Jno A. Summey	Hannersville, “	5 25	2 00	4 38	2 00	10 12	2 00					50 00	75 75	25 00
Reed's X Roads	Jno. R. Miller	Thomasville, “	7 30	8 50	10 00	2 60	13 36	2 20	1 00				100 00	144 96	1,100 00
Rich Fork	Jno. R. Miller	Thomasville, “	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00	1 00		2 00		5 00	40 00	62 00	600 00
Stoner's Grove	Jeff Lanning	Denton, “	50	1 00	70		2 00		1 05	2 00		12 00	25 00	44 25	
Summerville	M. J Leach	Lassiter, “	50	1 00	75		1 00	50					35 00	38 75	200 00
Thomasville	C. A. G. Thomas	Thomasville, “	2 50	3 16	1 76	1 00		2 50	55	4 41			100 00	115 88	
Totals			$184 08	$133 22	$195 51	$88 66	$336 23	$38 40	$22 75	$350 63	$ 8 40	$1067 24	$2038 00	$4463 12	$18,900 00

* This includes contributions by S. S. to various objects, $38,64.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Association.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Minist'rs Relief	Orphanage	Fund
Abbott's Creek			25		4 00	3 50	2 63	2
Center Cross	1 00				1 00	1 00		
Denton					1 50	1 00		1
Eldorado								
Holloways	5 31							1
Huldah					50	1 00		
Jacksons Creek	2 00		2 00	1 00		60		
Jersey	10 72		7 14		2 12			1
Kernesville	2 50						4 00	
Lexington								2
Liberty	6 00		7 00		3 00	1 50		
Lick Creek	8 00		10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00		1
Marion								
Maple Springs								
Mt. Lebanon	3 00				1 00			5
New Friendship								2 2
Oak Hill	25		84	75				
Orphanage								1 5
Pine M. House						18		1 1
Piny Grove								1 5
Pleasant Fork				2 00	2 00	2 00		3
Reed's X Roads					2 60	2 20		1 0
Rich Fork			2 00		2 00	1 00		1 0
Summerville	50		75	1 00		50	1 50	3
Thomasville		1 50						5
Stoner's Grove	50		70	1 00				1 0
Public Collect'n	4 65							2
Total	$44 43	$1 50	$30 68	$10 75	$20 72	$16 48	$8 13	$25 0

J. M. HILLIARD,
S. A. HEGE,
Committee.

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session

OF

Liberty Baptist Association

HELD WITH

LEXINGTON CHURCH,

August, 20th, 21st and 22d, 1901.

Officers of the Association:

MODERATOR: James Smith, Lexington, N. C.
CLERK: Elder Henry Sheets, Lexington, N. C.
TREASURER: S. H. Averitt, Thomasville, N. C.

Time Place and Preacher For Next Session:

The next session of Liberty Association will meet with the church at Lick Creek, on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1902. Introductory sermon by Elder Henry Sheets. Alternate: Elder Jeff Lanning

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, Aug. 1901.

Adderton, W. S	Denton, N. C.
Boone, J. B	Thomasville, N. C.
Carrick, Thos	High Point, N. C.
Harris, Lee W	El Dorado, N. C.
Henderson, G. W	Blaine, N. C.
Lancaster, J. F	Oak Ridge, N. C.
Lanning. Jeff	Denton, N. C.
Leach, M. J	Lassiter, N. C.
Miller, John R	Thomasville, N. C.
Morton, H	Thomasville, N. C.
Newton, J. D	Thomasville, N. C.
Orrell, N. B	Abbott's Creek, N. C.
Rich, W. H	Lexington, N. C.
Sheets, Henry	Lexington, N. C.
Stoker, Ambrose P	Denton, N. C.
Summey, John A	Hannersville, N. C.
Thomas, C. A. G	Thomasville, N. C.

Executive Board.

John R. Miller, Chairman ; James Smith, Wm. Bowers, J. C. Bean, C. M. Wall.

Proceedings.

LEXINGTON CHURCH, August 20, 1901.

Liberty Association convened with this church to-day in its Sixty-Eighth Annual Session. Religious exercises were conducted by Dr. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh. On motion of Elder J. B. Boone the preaching of the Annual Sermon was postponed till to-night at 8:00 o'clock.

The Moderator appointed brethren J. M. Hilliard and R. S. Green, Jr., as Reading Clerks, after which, proceeded to the enrollment of Messengers:

Abbott's Creek—C. H. Teague and D. D. Orrell.
Center Cross—Not represented.
Denton—H. C. Tysinger.
El Dorado—By letter.
Holloways—H. J. Palmer.
Huldah—By letter.
Jackson's Creek—Not represented.
Jersey—Z. T. Sharpe, L. A. Smith and J. D. Palmer.
Kernersville—J. F. Lancaster.
Lexington—John D. Holt, G. Foster Hankins and A. A. Yarbrough.
Liberty—D. H. Hepler, D. M. Summey and D. T. Andrews.
Lick Creek—Not represented.
Maple Springs—Not represented.
Marion—R. S. Green, Sr., and C. S. Green.
Mt. Lebanon—By letter.
New Friendship—S. A. Hege.
Oak Hill—Not represented.
Orphanage—J. B. Boone, A. Johnson and S. H. Averitt.
Pine M. House—J. H. Feezor and O. T. Davis.
Piney Grove—E. B. Fitzgerald.
Pleasant Fork—Not represented.
Reed's X Roads—C. H. Fritts, A. E. Myers and H. V. Myers.
Rich Fork—Wm. Bowers and R. S. Green, Jr.

Stoner's Grove—L. C. Lomax, T. I. Wafford and B. F. Roach.

Summerville—By letter.

Thomasville—H. Morton.

On motion it was agreed to adjourn the morning service at 12:00 M.

Adjourned till 2:00 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body went into election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

Moderator : James Smith.

Clerk : Henry Sheets.

Treasurer : S. H. Averitt.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren. The following accepted seats :

Elder C. J. Woodson, of the King's Mountain; Brother S. Beeker, of the South Yadkin Association; Elder J. M. Bennett, representing the North Carolina Baptist; Elder J. W. Cobb, travelling agent of the Biblical Recorder; Dr. R. T. Vann, of Central Association and President of the Baptist Female University, and Elder Livingston Johnson. Corresponding Secretary North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The following named brethren were appointed to report at this session :

On Arrangements—J. B. Boone, S. E. Hege and Z. T. Sharpe.

On Place and Preacher For Next Association—John R. Miller, S. A. Hege and H. J. Palmer.

On Finance—John R. Miller and D. T. Andrews.

To Name Executive Committee—D. H. Hepler, John A. Summey and A. A. Yarbrough.

To report next year :

On State Missions—R. S Green, Jr., and A. E. Myers.

On Home Missions—Wm. Bowers and D. T. Andrews.

On Foreign Missions—W. H. Rich and C. H. Teague.

On Periodicals—J. D. Newton and O. L. Stoner.

On Education—J. M. Hilliard and L. G. Lewis.

On Baptist Orphanage—J. B. Boone and H. Morton.

On Sunday Schools—Jeff Lanning and O. T. Davis.

On Minister' Relief—C. A. G. Thomas and H. C. Tysinger.

On Temperance—G. Foster Hankins and J. H. Feezor.

Bro. J D. Boone, chairman of Committee, made the following report

ON ARRANGMENT :

Tuesday, 8 p. m , Sermon.

Wednesday, August 21st, Religious Exercises, 9:00 to 9:30 a. m.

1. Routine Business, 9:30 to 10:00 a. m.
2. Periodicals, 10:00 to 10:30 a. m.
3 State Missions, 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.
4. Orphanage, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.
6. Foreign Missions, 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.
6. Miscellaneous, 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.

Thursday, August 22d, Religious Exercises 9:00 to 9:30 a. m.

1. Routine Business, 9:30 to 10:00 a. m.
2 Sunday Schools, 10:00 to 10:40 a. m.
3. Home Missions, 10:40 to 11:30 a. m.
4. Temperance, 11:30 to 12:00 m.
5 Miscellaneous, 12:00 m.

Adjournment.

On motion of Bro. John R. Miller, a committee of three was appointed to report on the feasibility of publishing a history of the Liberty Association. The Moderator appointed the committee as follows: John R. Miller, S. A. Hege and Henry Sheets.

After a song, adjourned.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Cobb.

NIGHT SESSION.

In accordance with a former motion, Elder C. A. G. Thomas preached, a strong and helpful sermon from Eph. 4:16.

Benediction by Elder J. B. Boone.

MORNING SESSION, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder J. F. Lancaster.

Moderator Smith called the body to order. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Elder Hilliard read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

This is a reading age. Our people, both old and young, are reading all sorts of books—and, perhaps, both good and bad—and, as Christian men and women, it is our duty to see that our own families and our neighbors have the best possible literature to read. Therefore, it is the duty of every denomination to try to place its denominational paper in every family belonging to their churches. Your committee would commend the Biblical Recorder, the endorsed organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, to every Baptist family in our State as a paper worthy of a place in every household, full of good news and information every week from the different parts of the State, and just such information about our work in general as every Baptist should know. We would commend the North Carolina Baptist to our brethren and sisters as a first-class paper, and especially its Temperance Department, which is doing so much to strengthen the cause of Temperance in our State.

"Charity and Children," the organ of our Orphanage, should go into every home, not only of the Baptist, but wherever men and women wish to know more of that pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father.

We would not forget the "Church Worker," published in our own Association by Rev. H. Sheets, as a great helper in our church work.

The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field are indispensable to one who wishes to know of our denominational work in general. J. M. HILLIARD.

Remarks were submitted by J. W. Cobb, J. M. Bennett and A. Johnson; after which the report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The work of the State Mission Board should appeal to us for a great many considerations. In addition to the evangilization of the whole State which is the first and greatest work, and which is white to harvest. The board has undertaken to reach the children who have never had a chance with the light of education. A work of wonderful importance is now in progress in Western North Carolina through the State Missionaries who labor there, but especially through the active and devoted sacrifice and labor of fifty young women who have given from six weeks to two months, free of charge, to school work in remote neighborhoods this summer. A mighty sentiment in favor of general education has been awakened that will bear rich fruit in coming years.

But above all the chief business of this board is to bring men to a knowledge of the truth ; to establish the cause of Christ where it is weak, to strengthen the points and in every possible way uphold and defend the principles upon which our churches rest.

This is a vast field. The great east along the Atlantic shore where whole counties have hardly one Baptist church, the teeming Piedmont region where the factory problem cries aloud for solution and where helpless children are together at night worn out with the toil of the long day ; the wide west where we have too many organizations but so little efficiency—all these claims are being met by the State Mission Board, to which we must look for the redemption of our dear old State, under the guiding hand of God. We commend the great work of the Board to all the churches and urge that they go forward in their pledges for the coming year.

A. JOHNSON.

This report was spoken to by Secretary Johnson and Henry Sheets, and at this juncture, on motion, the time was extended one-half an hour for the further consideration of this subject. The report was further spoken to by A. Johnson and L. G. Lewis, after which pledges were taken and a cash collection amounting to $6 15.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Rich, it was agreed to meet at 7 p. m. to spend one hour in prayer in behalf of a revival of religion and for God's blessing upon our work.

Bro. William Bowers read the

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville is an institution of the Baptists of our State, and situated so near the center of our Association that there is but little excuse for anyone of our number to be unacquainted with its needs, its management, etc But we fear that quite a number of us know less of this institution than our duty requires.

There were two hundred and ten children supported by the hand of charity. Were you among the number that contributed to their support? If not, we hope you will fall in line and help to run this God-given work.

We think God-given—

First—Because we believe that the very site on which the Orphanage is situated was formed by the Lord himself for the very purpose for which it is being used.

The hills covered with white sands, the springs and the rills between them bespeak the purpose of God in this formation.

Second—The evidence that we have that the Lord's hand has been in the work from its infancy up to the present.

Last year was its best year—more contributions, more done in a general way, than in any previous year—which we are thankful for. We hope the coming year will be equally as good, or better. We are pleased with the present management. The wisdom and economy used speaks well for the General Manager; not only so, but for the matrons, teachers, etc. The cost of an orphan's support and training was only $4.38. With this they were not only fed and clothed, but they had the advantage of good schools, and their religious interest is looked well after. The most of these children give their hearts to the Lord while at the Orphanage. The work at the Orphanage is systematic, and can not we be more systematic in our giving to this noble cause now, with our prayers and increased contributions, and the good work will go on. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BOWERS,
JOHN A SUMMEY.

This very excellent report was ably discussed by Elders John R. Miller, L. Johnson and C. A. G. Thomas.

Bro. John R. Miller read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The gospel of Jesus Christ had its origin in Foreign Missions. It was planned in Heaven, in the eternal councils of the divine God, and Jesus Christ, the sent one, came as the missionary to bring the glad tidings to the children of men.

And when He had finished his mission on earth and was ready to go back to the Father, He told His disciples to go into all the world and preach His gospel to every creature. Also in His farewell talks with His disciples, just before His ascension He said to them: "As my Father hath sent me even so I send you." Then as Christ was sent by the Father, even so we are sent by Christ to carry His gospel to every creature.

Nothing is more emphasized in all His word than this work of carrying the gospel to others: Now do we, as His professed followers, love Him? If so He says, we will keep His commandments.

Then how much are we to love God? With all thy soul, all thy mind and all thy strength. Now can we claim to show to

Him this degree of love by our gifts to foreign missions?

Brethren, if the Lord Jesus Christ now stood visibly in our midst, as He does in the spirit, could we look upon Him and tell Him we love Him, in the face of what we are doing to carry out His last commands?

No, brethren, we would be compelled to confess, with shame that we have not done what we could, or what we should, to show our love to Him who brought us the message of peace, light and life.

It is true, we are doing something, our board is advancing a little each year, but as yet, we are only in the beginning of the great work of giving the gospel to the world. There are many millions of people on earth to-day, who have never heard the message which Jesus told us to carry to them. And who will be responsible, as God's watchman, for those who die in their sins, unwarned, without God, and without hope in the world?

It is true, brethren, we are feeling our responsibilities Sending the gospel is Christ's command and we have no right of choice in regard to this matter. We have just as much right to neglect baptism, the Lord's supper, or any other command, as we have to neglect giving to missions. And also, we want to emphasize the fact, that our churches have just as much scriptural right to receive and retain within their fellowship, members who have never been baptized, as they have to retain within their fellowship members who do nothing for the spread of the gospel. We would recommend that the pastors and churches seek to get a contribution to Foreign Missions from every member of the church and if there be those who are not able, brethren help them to give.

This report was spoken to by Brethren John R. Miller L. Johnson and others. Adopted.

Through Elder J. F, Lancaster, Kernersville church made application for a letter of dismission from this body, to join the Pilot Mountain Association, which was duly granted.

Bro John R. Miller read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your committee would recommend that the next session of this body be held with Lick Creek Church, beginning on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1902. Introductory sermon, Elder H. Sheets. Alternate, Elder Jeff Lanning.

S. A. HEGE,
H. J. PALMER,
JNO. R. MILLER,
Committee.

Adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATES.

To Southern Baptist Convention:

C. M. Wall; alternate, Elder W. H. Rich.

To the North Carolina State Convention:

John D. Holt, S. A. Hege and H. Morton; alternates, H. F. Motsinger, R. S. Green, Jr., and Jeff Lanning.

By vote of this body, Bro. C. M. Wall was appointed the associational representative on the Board of State Missions.

On motion of W. H. Rich, it was agreed to meet to-night at 7:30 to hold prayer service for the Lord's blessing upon our work.

Adjourned. Benediction.

NIGHT SESSION, AUGUST 21ST.

After prayer service, Bro. S. H. Averitt read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

A new era has dawned. North Carolina is waking up to the deplorable condition of her children whose only chance lies in the free schools which for the most part do not deserve to be called schools at all.

The Baptist denomination ought to feel a deeper interest in popular education than any other people because a majority of the children of the State are in Baptist homes. We rejoice at the growing sentiment in favor of universal education among our people. It is high time we were awakening out of our long slumber. We rejoice at the growth of Associational schools in the State, and most of all at the large number of boys and girls they have gathered in. We are under the highest obligation to give all possible moral support to all these schools.

THE CENTURY FUND.

The Baptist State Convention last December resolved to try to raise the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for education. Twenty-five thousand dollars to be first appropriated to the Baptist Female University, the balance to be divided between Wake Forest College and the Chowan Baptist Female Institute and the academies under denominational control.

It is hoped that by the division of the plan proposed, after the first $25,000 to the University, that all our educational interests will be uplifted and strengthened and the development of our people (which, after all, is the main thing desired) will be normal and natural, and not one-sided.

We commend the movement to all our churches, and hope they will make a great offering in this the first year of the new century.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. AVERITT,
A. E. MYERS,
Committee.

Brethren S. H. Averitt and Dr. R. T. Vann discussed this excellent report. At the close a public collection was taken in behalf of the Baptist Female University amounting to $8.32.

Adjournment. Benediction by B. W. Spillman.

MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 22.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder H. Morton.

The Moderator called the body to order.

The committee on the publication of a history of the Liberty Association made the following

REPORT.

We, the committee appointed on publishing a history of Liberty Association, beg to submit the following, viz.: We believe that the publication and preservation of our history as a denomination is a matter of vital importance and should receive our hearty support. Therefore, we would recommend that our pastors and friends use every effort to secure the sale of a sufficient number of copies to defray the expenses in the publication of this work, and make such report as they may see fit at our next session of our Association.

J. R. MILLER,
H. SHEETS,
S. A. HEGE,
Committee.

Remarks on the above report were made by John R. Miller, Henry Sheets, J. D. Newton and W. H. Rich; after which Bro. Henry Sheets was asked to prepare the manuscript for a history.

That a committee of three be appointed by this association to act with W. H. Rich in arranging for the campaign of education, known as the Century Campaign.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to co-operate with W. H. Rich, as chairman; John R. Miller, J. M. Hilliard and John A. Summey.

By motion the amount of money on the Century Fund collected in this association be given to the B. F. University, unless otherwise ordered by giver.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Last year's minutes show that there are 1549 persons enlisted in the Sunday schools of the Liberty Association. The same minutes show that there are 2287 members of churches in our bounds. The number of church members engaged in Sunday school work may be put at half the number of those attending Sunday school, which would be 775. According to this it may be said that about one-third of the members of our churches are attending our Sunday schools. Bro. Spilman says that this is about the average in most of the associations of our State and some other States.

Half the churches of the South report no Sunday school. The Sunday school work is coming to be recognized as second to none. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention has arranged for a Sunday school professorship in our Theological Seminary at Louisville. This will afford an opportunity for our preachers to secure the very best instructions in this line of work.

We have in the Sunday school Board at Nashville one of the finest business institutions in the land—a good building, well located, paying expenses of all departments and a surplus of $44,000. Their periodicals and lesson helps of various kinds are equal to the best, and a number of books have been published which have been widely circulated and read. Colportage and Bible distribution is also an important feature in the work of the Board.

The field department, under the direction of Bro. B. W. Spilman, is being pushed vigorously in the direction of organizing Sunday schools, increasing interest and attendance in those already established.

The needs of the work are a deeper and more prayerful study of the Bible, better teaching and more visiting in the interest of the Sunday School. Better reports are necessary, too, before accurate information can be had about the general Sunday school work.

Three things to do: 1. Contribute to Sunday school work in North Carolina. 2. Contribute to Bible work of Sunday School Board at Nashville. 3. Send orders for literature to Baptist Book Store Raleigh, N. C. J. D. NEWTON.

This repont was discussed by J. D. Newton, B. W. Spilman and W. H. Rich.

The following amendment was adopted, viz :

That a committee of three be appointed to arrange for a Sunday school Institute to be held within the bounds of this association, viz , R. S. Green, Jr., J. D. Newton and Jeff Lanning.

Bro. R. S. Green, Jr., read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our object in Home Missions is to give the Gospel to destitute sections of the Southern States that cannot be reached by State or Foreign Missions. Our own State has been receiving help from the Home Board for many years. We deem no object more important and more worthy or our support than Home Missions. The truth, as we hold it, has been established in many of our Southern cities, and many strong churches have been built as a result of the work of this Board, that are doing much to spread the kingdom of our blessed Redeemer all over the world. We may look more especially to the Home Board than to any other for the maintenance and propagation of the true doctrines of the Gospel. This Board lays strong claims upon us, and there is every reason why we should increase our contribution and give it our hearty support. Within the bounds of the home field there are over 12,000,000 unconverted souls, and this number is grower larger every year because of immigration into this section of our country. The field is large, the work is abundant and exceedingly important.

We therefore recommend enlargement in our pledges to Home Missions.

May the Lord's blessing and prosperity attend the work of this Board and the men employed under it.

J. M. BENNETT,
S. E. WAFFORD.

Bro. J. C. Caddell, Vice President of Home Missions in North Carolina, spoke to this report. Pledges taken and report adopted.

Elder Jeff Lanning read:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is one of the greatest evils that threatens the prosperity of our churches and country. Therefore we would recommend that our churches do all they can to rid themselves of this great evil. We hope the time will soon come when our churches will soon exclude from their membership every member who has anything to do with it in any way.

JEFF LANNING.

Remarks on this report by Elder Lanning. Report adopted.

The following was offered;

Resolved, That the Liberty Association are heartily in sympathy with the object of the Minister's Relief Board and commend this work to all our churches

This work was discussed by W. H. Rich and afteward adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

	Female Univ. Raleigh.	Minute Fund.	Home Mis	Foreign Mis.	Orphanage.	Education.	Ministerial Relief.	State Miss.
Pine M. House		2 30						
Holloways		1 73						
Liberty		45		10 00		3 00	1 50	
Mt. Lebanon		55	1 00	70		1 00	50	
Summervillle		30	1 00	75	1 50	50	50	1 00
Jersey		2 00	7 00	3 00		7 00	5 19	6 00
Marion		20	40					1 00
El Dorado		40	1 00	1 00	2 00		70	
Stoner's Grove		1 15	50		2 00			50
Abbott's Creek		2 00				4 00	3 50	
Lexington		3 00	35	8 57	10		5 00	14 28
Denton	2 00	1 00				2 00	1 00	
Piney Grove		1 60						
Orphanage		1 50						
Kernersville		85						
Thomasville		50		50			1 50	
Rich Fork		1 05				1 50	1 50	
Reed's		1 22					2 10	
Friendship		1 60						
Oak Hill		32						
Lick Creek		1 50						
	2 00	25 22	11 25	24 46	5 60	19 00	21 49	22 78

Rich Fork Church paid for S. S. M. $1.04.

JOHN R. MILLER, } Com.
D. T. ANDREWS, }

Treasurer's Report.

AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Home Missions – From Finance Committee and Churches	$ 66 63
State Missions - From Finance Committee and Churches	179 74
Foreign Missions—From Finance Committee and Churches	108 41
Seminary—Lexington Church	5 16
Education – Finance Committee and Churches	100 43
Minute Fund –Finance Committee	25 00
Minister's Relief—Finance Committee and Churches	27 61
Ministerial Education—Churches and Association	18 72
Total	$531 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Home Missions—To Convention Treasurer	$ 66 63
State Missions—To Convention Treasurer and Missionaries of Liberty Association	179 74
Foreign Missions—To Convention Treasurer	108 51
Seminary	5 16
Education—To O. L. Stringfield, Financial Secretary	100 43
Minute Fund To Rev. Henry Sheets	25 00
Minister's Relief Fund—To Convention Treasurer	27 61
Ministerial Education—To Convention Treasurer	18 72
Total	$531 70

S. H. ANERITT, Treasurer.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Lexington Baptist Church, paid during the past year the following amounts:

Foreign Missions	$7 00
Home Missions	6 00
State Missions	7 00
Xmas Offering	2 15
Expense Fund	36
Total	$22 51

MRS. W. H. RICH, President.
MISS ROXIE SHEETS, Sec. & Treas.

In addition to the above the ladies of the church have collected and paid $151.17 towards furnishing the church.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Holloway's Church has paid for Foreign Missions $1.10

MRS. M. E. PETERS, President.
MRS. VIOLA CROSS, Sec.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be allowed $10.00 for his services.

Bro. R. S. Green, Jr., offered the following:

We, the delegates of Liberty Association, in session, hereby return our sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters of the Lexington Church and community for their hospitality in their care of us during this session.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," and and prayer by Bro. W. H. Rich, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Lick Creek on Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1902.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Secretary.

Table of Pledges for 1901-1902.

CHURCHES.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Baptist Orph.	Minister,s Relief Fund.	Total.
Abbott's Creek	10 00	3 00	8 00	4 00	16 00	3 50	44 50
Center Cross		1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		5 00
Denton	5 00	2 50	4 00	1 50	9 00	1 00	23 00
El Dorado	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Holloway's	15 00	5 00	9 00	5 00	20 00	3 00	57 00
Huldah.	1 00	1 00	1 50	50	1 00	1 00	6 00
Jackson's Creek.		1 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	8 00
Jersey	18 00	6 00	12 00	8 00	25 00	2 00	71 00
Kernersville					10 00		10 00
Lexington	50 00	16 00	36 00	15 00	25 00	5 00	147 00
Liberty	4 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	1 50	32 50
Lick Creek	11 00	5 00	15 00	3 00	12 00	2 00	48 00
Maple Springs					1 00		1 00
Marion	1 00		1 00	1 00	2 00		5 00
Mt. Lebanon.	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	50	13 50
New Friendship.	15 00	6 00	10 00	5 00	25 00	2 00	63 00
Oak Hill		2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00		7 00
Orphanage.	50 00	25 00	40 00	15 00	50 00	3 00	183 00
Pine M House.	11 00	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	39 00
Piney Grove	25 00	15 00	20 00	5 00	15 00	4 00	84 00
Pleasant Fork.	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	14 00
Reed's X Roads.	7 00	4 50	9 00	2 75	15 00	2 25	40 50
Rich Fork	3 50	2 50	3 00	2 00	6 00	1 25	18 25
Stoner's Grove	2 25	1 00	1 15	1 00	2 20	1 00	8 60
Summerville	1 00	1 00	50		1 50	50	4 50
Thomasville							
Gravel Hill	1 00		1 00		3 00		5 00
Talor's Grove			2 00	50			2 50
Union Meeting	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	3 00	63 00
	251 75	121 50	210 15	96 25	287 70	41 50	1,008 85

Sunday School Statistics of Liberty Association, August, 1901.

CHURCHES	S. S. Supts.	Supts. P. O.	Offi'rs and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total T'ch's and Schols.	Vols. in Library.	Quart'lies and Pap'rs Taken.	School Expenses.
Abbott's Creek	N. R Teague	Abbott's Creek, N. C.	5	75	80		54	5 00
Center Cross	Not reported							
Denton	H. C. Tysinger	Denton, N. C.	11	124	135		315	17 11
El Dorado	F. G. Blackwelder	El Dorado, N. C	5	35	40		26	1 50
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill, N. C.	6	71	77	68	70	5 00
Huldah	Elias Moore	Mitchfield, N. C	7	56	63		35	1 00
Jackson's Creek	No report							
Jersey	J. D Palmer	Linwood, N. C.	6	76	82		368	10 99
Kernersville	J. R. Joyce	Kernersville, N. C	6	70	76		90	9 12
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington, N. C.	30	350	380		300	118 57
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Eden, N C.	8	46	54	100	46	2 04
Lick Creek	No report							
Maple Springs	No report							
Marion	No school							
Mt. Lebanon	J. D. Welch	Pisgah, N. C.	5	45	50			60
New Friendship	G. C. Wadford	Winston-Salem, N. C	5	30	35		30	5 00
Oak Hill	No report							
Orphanage	S. H. Averitt	Thomasville, N C	12	224	236		225	30
Pine M. House	O. T. Davis	Churchland, N. C.	11	100	111		100	
Piney Grove	T. S. Wall	Wallburg, N. C.	6	70	76		70	8 00
Pleasant Fork	No report							
Reed's X Roads	Arthur Myers	Reed's N. C.	5	80	85	30	100	12 00
Rich Fork	William Bowers	Jimes, N. C.	8	60	68		45	5 00
Stoner's Grove	W. C. Roach	Fairmont, N. C.	8	35	43		53	3 00
Summerville	A. Peterson	Denton, N. C.	5	50	55		48	2 00
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart	Thomasville, N. C	2	30	32		30	2 78
			151	1627	1778	198	2005	209 01

Statistical Table For the Year Ending August, 1901

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Added.				Lost.							
			Baptisms.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Males.	Females	Total Membership	Sunday of Preaching
Abbott's Creek......	C. H. Teague........	Wallburg, N C.......							1	1	47	102	149	3d
Center Cross.........	Not represented.....	Reported last year...									7	22	29	4th
Denton................	L. A. Tysinger......	Denton, N. C.........	10	6		16	1	4	1	6	47	55	102	2d
El Dorado............	H. A. Henderson..	El Dorado, N. C.....					1			1	14	36	50	3d
Holloway's...........	B. R. Cross..........	Silver Hill, N. C.....	16	3	1	20	7		3	10	9	102	161	2d
Huldah	Vester Moore........	Mitchfield, N. C.....									6	12	18	3d
Jackson's Creek....	Not represented.....	Reported last year...									26	76	102	
Jersey.	G. W. Palmer.......	Linwood, N. C........	18	6	1	25	10		3	13	73	89	167	1st
Kernersville	Wyatt W. Bowman	Kernersville, N. C...	2			2	2	1	2	5	16	50	66	2d
Lexington	S. L. Owen..........	Lexington, N. C......	18	13		31	3	1	1	5	84	131	215	2d, 3d, 4th
Liberty..................	J. M. Easter.........	Eden, N N. C........	6	1		7	4	3	4	11	62	121	183	3d
Lick Creek...........	Not represented.....		17	6		23					69	85	154	4th
Maple Springs......	Not represented.....	Reported last year...									8	27	35	2d
Marion	R. S. Green, Sr....	Jimes, N. C...........											6	
Mt. Lebanon.........	J. D. Welch	Pisgah, N. C..........	1	3		4					15	28	43	1st
New Friendship....	S. A. Hege..........	Winston-Salem, N C.	1	1		2	1		1	2	38	74	112	4th
Oak Hill	Not represented.....	Reported last year...									10	17	27	1st
Orphanage...........	Miss Annie Hall...	Thomasville, N. C...	39	1		40	19	4		23	64	89	153	2d, 4th
Pine M. House......	R. K. Williams.....	Swift, N. C............	22			22	1	12	4	17	72	130	202	4th
Piney Grove.........	P. E. Whicker......	Bethany, N. C........		1		1					29	40	69	1st
Pleasant Fork.......	Not represented.....	Reported last year...									8	10	18	
Reed's X Roads...	D. C. Craver.........	Reed's, N. C..........	32	1		33	3		3	6	61	96	157	1st
Rich Fork............	J. F. Clinard.........	Thomasville, N. C...	2	8		10	1	2	1	4	29	56	8	4th
Stoner's Grove......	O. L. Stoner.........	Fairmont, N C.......	3	5		8	1		1	2	16	21	37	1st
Summerville.........	W S. Adderton.....	Denton, N. C.........					1			1	14	40	54	1st
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart.....	Thomasville, N. C...					4			4	9	21	30	
			187	55	2	244	59	27	25	111	888	1 30	2413	

Financial Table For the Year Ending August, 1901.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	PASTOR'S P. O.		State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Educat'n.	Baptist Orph.	Minister's R. Fund.	Inciden'ls	Poor of Church.	Other Objects.	Pastor's Salaries.	Minute Fund.	Totals.	Value of Church Property
Abbott's Creek,	J. M. Hilliard,	High Point,	N. C.	10 00	3 00	8 00	4 00	16 00	3 50			27 25	100 00	2 00	173 75	1,000
Center Cross,	Not represented															
Denton,	Jeff. Lanning,	Denton,	"	4 50	2 50	4 00	2 00	13 18	1 00	22 00			75 00	1 00	124 18	800
El Dorado,	Lee W. Harris,	El Dorado,	"	1 00	1 00	1 00		2 00	70	1 70		3 50	25 00	40	36 30	400
Holloways,	John R. Miller,	Thomasville,	"	14 12	6 85	9 00	5 35	18 89	3 18	5 00			100 00	1 73	164 12	900
Huldah,	M. J. Leach,	Lassiter.	"	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	50						4 50	
Jackson's Creek	Jno. A. Summey	Hannersville,	"	No	Letter											300
Jersey,	W. . Rich,	Lexington,	"	15 00	6 00	10 00	6 00	23 70	2 00	22 60		75 00	150 00	2 00	312 30	2,000
Kernersville,	W. H. Wilson,	Madison,	"	6 10	3 93	8 18		7 78		10 00	2 00	49 99	115 00	85	203 83	1,100
Lexington,	W. H. Rich,	Lexington,	"	30 00	11 49	28 00	11 22	25 00	5 00	96 74		915 53	450 00	3 00	1,575 98	5,500
Liberty,	Jeff. Lanning,	Denton,	"	4 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	1 50			15 00	75 00	45	117 85	360
Lick Creek,	Jno. A. Summey	Hannersville,	"	6 00	5 00	10 00	3 00	10 00	1 00	11 50		29 70	75 00	1 50	152 70	200
Maple Srings,	No Letter.															
Marion,	J. D. Newton,	Thomasville,	"			45		1 55					10 00	20	12 20	
Mt. Lebanon,	L. G. Lewis,	N. Hope Acad ,	"	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	50	4 60		1 00	10 00	55	27 65	200
New Friendship	F. H. Jones,	Reidsville,	"	12 00	6 00	10 00	5 00	80 00	2 00	17 06	3 75		125 00	1 60	262 41	2,345
Oak Hill,	No Letter.													32	32	
Orphanage	C.A. G. Thomas	Thomasville,	"	44 23	36 61	48 09	10 18	121 50	5 46				123 00	1 50	390 57	
Pine M. House,	Jeff. Lanning,	Denton,	"	10 00	4 34	5 24	4 45	10 00	2 00	17 00		85 0	100 00	2 30	240 33	1,500
Piney Grove,	Henry Sheets,	Lexington,	"	25 00	19 00	30 00	5 00	16 50	5 00	23 18		9 35	100 00	1 60	234 63	500
Pleasant Fork,	No Pastor.	No Letter.														
Reed's X Roads	John R Miller.	Thomasville,	"	7 55	4 00	7 30	2 50	16 06	2 10	12 00			100 00	1 22	152 72	600
Rich Fork,	John R Miller,	Thomasville,	"	3 50	3 29	2 75	1 50	6 24	1 5	1 25		1 04	60 00	1 05	82 12	500
Stoner's Grove,	Jeff. Lanning,	Denton,	"	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 00	50	15 28			25 00	1 15	48 43	500
Summervillle,	A. P Stoker,	Denton,	"	1 00	1 00	75	50	1 50	50				30 00	30	35 55	200
Thomasville.	No Pastor.					50		2 17		4 40		5 60	12 51	50	25 68	1,000
				200 00	122 01	197 26	65 20	383 07	37 94	264 3	5 75	1.217 96	1,860 51	25 22	3,378 13	19,905

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Ninth Annual Session

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

LICK CREEK CHURCH,

August 19th, 20th and 21st, 1902.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Moderator—JAMES SMITH	Lexington, N. C.
Clerk—HENRY SHEETS	Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer—S. H. AVERITT	Thomasville, N. C.

Place, Time and Preacher for Next Session:

The next session of Liberty Association will convene with the Jersey church, one mile from Linwood station, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, 1903.

The Introductory Sermon by Elder W. A. Smith; alternate, Elder John A. Summey.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION AUGUST, 1902.

ADDERTON, W. S	Denton,	N. C.
BOONE, J. B	Thomasville,	"
CARRICK, THOMAS	High Point,	"
LANNING, JEFF	Denton,	"
LEACH, M. J	Lassiter,	"
MILLER, JOHN R	Thomasville,	"
MORTON, H	Thomasville,	"
NEWTON, J. D	Thomasville.	"
ORRELL, N. B	Abbott's Creek,	"
SHEETS, HENRY	Lexington,	"
SMITH, W. A	Lexington,	"
STOKER, A. P	Denton,	"
SUMMEY, JOHN A	Hannersville,	"

The following named ordained ministers: Harris, Lee W., Henderson, G. W., have gone to the Montgomery; Lancaster, J. F., has gone to the Pilot Mountain; Thomas, C. A. G., has gone to the Sandy Creek Association. Rich, W. H., to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Executive Board.

John R. Miller, James Smith, William Bowers, W. C. Roach, C. M. Wall.

PROCEEDINGS.

LICK CREEK CHURCH,
Davidson County, N. C., Aug. 19, 1902.

Liberty Association convened with this church today in its sixty-ninth annual session. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Henry Sheets from Acts 5:42. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder W. F. Fry.

The Moderator called the body to order and the enrollment of messengers was made as follows :

ABBOTT'S CREEK—N R Teague and W D Spurgeon.
CENTER CROSS—By Letter.
DENTON—L A Tysinger.
EL DORADO—H A Henderson and W E Hall.
HOLLOWAYS—Peter Cross and J A Carrick.
HULDAH—By Letter.
JACKSON'S CREEK—Not represented.
JERSEY—W C Roach, W C Barnes and Z T Sharpe.
LEXINGTON—E M Ward.
LIBERTY—Daniel M Summey and S H Kindley.
LICK CREEK—W P Redwine, James H Daniel and P Monroe Snider.
MAPLE SPRINGS—Not represented.
MARION—By Letter.
MT. LEBANON—By Letter.
NEW FRIENDSHIP—By Letter.
OAK HILL—Not represented.
ORPHANAGE—S H Averitt.
PINE M. HOUSE—J. H. Beck.
PINEY GROVE—By Letter.
PLEASANT FORK—Not represented.
REED'S X ROADS—A R Craver, Alexander Lanning and P A Myers.
RICH FORK—William Bowers, J R Miller and S H Yokeley.
STONER'S GROVE—B F Roach, L C Lomax and O L Stoner.
SUMMERSVILLE—Not represented.
THOMASVILLE—J T Valentine.

An invitation was extended to any new church desiring admission into this body. Letters were handed in from Taylor's Grove, Davidson, and Gravel Hill, Randolph county. On motion they were received and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

After the enrollment of messengers had been completed, the body went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Moderator, James Smith; Clerk, Henry Sheets; Treasurer, S. H. Averitt.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to visiting brethren. The following accepted seats: Elders J. F. Hodge, of the Stanley association, W. R. Cullom, for Board of Education, J. W. Cobb, of Biblical Recorder, W. F. Fry, for Baptist Female University, W. C. Newton, of Piedmont association, for the Mission boards, G. W. Henderson, of the Montgomery association, and Bro. J. M. Stoner, of the Buncombe County association.

The following committees were appointed to write reports for next session:

On State Missions—J R Miller and A A Loflin.
On Home Missions—J A Summey and W C Roach.
On Foreign Missions—W A Smith and O L Stoner.
On Periodicals—J D Newton and P M Snider.
On Education—J M Hilliard and M J Leach.
On Baptist Orphanage—S H Averitt and L G Lewis.
On Sunday Schools—J T Valentyne and A H Michael.
On Ministers' Relief—Henry Sheets and W C Barnes.
On Temperance—N R Teague and Milton Denny.

To report at this session:

On Place and Preacher—S H Averitt, C M Wall, A R Craver.
On Finance—William Bowers and J T Valentyne.
To Name Executive Committee—Jeff Lanning, Z T Sharpe and J A Carrick.

Announcements: Elder W. C. Newton will preach in this house tonight. Will meet tomorrow morning at 9:30. Spend half hour in religious exercises.

Adjourned. Benediction.

SERVICE AT NIGHT.

A congregation of considerable size met and Elder W. C. Newton preached a highly interesting sermon from Col. 1:15.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20TH.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder J. M. Hilliard, reading a part of 34th Psalm.

Moderator Smith called the body to order. Elder J. D. Newton read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

A religious newspaper should not only furnish religious news, but should contain sound doctrine and spiritual food. There is such a cry for union throughout our land that even our Baptist papers as well as our Baptist pulpits may be more or less influenced by the current. Every Christian soul needs deeply spiritual food. We need not only to be fed from pages of our religious papers, but we need in them a guide; therefore they should give forth no uncertain sound in matters relating to the Bible.

Our religious papers also should be simple and explicit in statement, so that all, even the children in our homes, can understand. This is a story-telling age and it is the person who can relate the most attractive story who gets the best pay, but our children need something else besides stories. It is also an age when writers, speakers and even parents are pandering to the idea of pleasing the children, when they really should have the idea instilled into their natures of seeking to please the parents. Children need to learn something else besides how to be pleased, and that is, how to please.

There are getting to be so many heroes and heroines outside the Bible that our children may eventually lose sight of the heroism of Joseph, of Daniel, of John the Baptist, of Stephen and Paul.

We do not believe that it is the mission of our religious newspapers to keep their readers informed about politics, but its true mission is that of winning and developing souls. If the religious paper is to be a real help to the pastor, it must be filled with the burning matter of the Gospel of Christ.

While the minister may reach the ears of three or four hundred people each week, the religious paper will reach fifteen thousand ears and more. What a tremendous responsibility rests upon the writers who so largely shape the religious thought and character of a denomination in a whole state!

Think of a single paragraph penetrating the minds and hearts of fifteen thousand souls. How important that this paragraph should contain some great truth of God which the Holy Spirit would be willing to seal forever!

The condition of a christian home without a religious paper is indeed a pitiable one and every effort possible should be made to place one or more of our most excellent papers in the many homes that are now destitute of this class of literature.

The following is a list of papers from which you may select and the price and address are here given :

Biblical Recorder, $1.50, Raleigh, N. C.; North Carolina Baptist, $1.00, Fayetteville, N. C. ; Charity and Children, $1.00, Thomasville, N. C.; Church Worker, 25c., Lexington, N. C.; Foreign Mission Journal, 35c., Richmond, Va.; Our Home Field, 10c., Atlanta, Ga.

We humbly plead with the brethren not to try to train their families without the help of one or more of the papers mentioned. Please do not select the one you think is the cheapest, but the one you think will help you most.

Very Respectfully, J. D. NEWTON.

This report was spoken to by J. D. Newton, J. W. Cobb and Henry Sheets, after which the report was adopted.

Immediately following this discussion Elder J. M. Hilliard read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

These times in which we are now living are times of rapid progress and everything seems hastening to some great end. The time has passed for the plodding man, he must now be up and doing.

We must all try to keep pace with this fast age, and since our work is in the churches we must hasten our work forward by the means of education. This education should be of that type which will develop in our young people those noble traits of character which will make them useful men and women as citizens of the country and especially as workers in our churches. Let us strive to have these characteristics ever kept before our people in our colleges and high schools. Then let us give our hearty support to Wake Forest College, Baptist Female University and other Baptist schools, where our boys and girls will be taught the great principles of christian education, and then we may expect from them efficient work in our churches.

We would most heartily commend to the consideration of our churches the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, which is doing so much to aid indigent young men, called of God to the Gospel ministry, to obtain an education.

J. M. HILLIARD,
L. G. LEWIS.

This report was discussed by J. M. Hilliard, W. R. Cullum and W. F. Fry. After this thrilling discussion the several churches, through those present, made pledges to try to raise the amount pledged by the association at Winston at last State Convention.

After this a cash collection was taken for the debt on the University, amounting to $10.75.

Following, Bro. W. A. Smith made a motion that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to arrange for educational rallies to be held in the several churches. The following brethren were appointed, viz: John R. Miller, W. A. Smith and Henry Sheets.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

All mission work must have a basis. State missions means the organization and the edification of Baptist churches in North Carolina. Our State mission work is usually divided into three parts, namely, the mountain or western, the eastern and the factory population.

1. There is no lack for Baptists in the western districts, but the real need is the mental and moral training of the professed membership of the churches. This need can only be supplied by the establishment and maintenance of schools and the sending and supporting of qualified ministers. Money and teachers are being supplied in numbers by some other denominations and it remains to be proved whether Baptists are going to hold their priceless possessions.

2. There are vast areas of country in the coast section that are entirely destitute of Baptist preaching to say nothing of Baptist churches. Hyde county has not a Baptist preacher in its bounds and it is said that this county alone will harvest corn enough to supply the state. The Board is calling for a number of good men to occupy this great section and also for contributions from the churches to sustain these men.

3. The exodus from the rural districts to the factory towns is without a parellel in the history of our state. The Board earnestly desires to supply this rapidly increasing population with the Gospel as Baptists believe and teach it. It has been proved that our money and efforts used in building up churches among this class of our people have brought back returns to the Board which have been gratifying indeed.

Our opportunity is at hand. Will we seize it? Will we allow the spirit of God to open our hearts and purses and press with vigor the great work of saving the state?

Respectfully,
J. D. NEWTON.

This report was spoken to by Elder W. C. Newton. Pledges were taken to be paid during the coming year.

Bro. W. A. Smith read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On so short a notice your committee is not prepared to render an adequate report on Foreign missions, yet it is very gratifying to note that the past conventional year was marked with glorious success. There were 1439 baptisms, which is by far the largest number in any year in the history of our Board. The receipts of the Board last year amounted to $173,439.49. In the year preceding it was $156,083.33. Twenty-six new missionaries have been sent out within the past year.

The Bible has been translated into well nigh all languages and tongues. The barriers to spread of the Gospel have been and are still being broken down. The missionary now finds protection everywhere and his message is gladly received by the thousands who hear it from time to time.

There are seven Theological Training schools in foreign countries for the training of native helpers. The publication societies in Canton, China, are meeting a great demand.

Something like three-fourths of the world lies in heathen darkness and the millions are going down in sin and death every year.

"For these poor benighted millions
We can give and work and pray,
And our gifts and prayers united
Sure will speed that happy day,
When no more to idol bowing—
Jesus only shall be king,
And ten thousand voices ringing
Shall His praise victorious sing."

Brethren, we cannot afford, as individuals, and churches, to ignore the great command of our Lord to preach the Gospel to every creature. God will bless that church and that individual who will pray for missions and give according to his ability to its support. Let all the churches make an advance of at least 25 per cent. upon their former pledges to this great work.

The Foreign Mission Journal ought to be in every Baptist home. It is only 35 cents a year.

Mission tracks may be had free by any one who will write Rev. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va., for them. Send for the Foreign Mission Journal and ask for mission tracks.

Brethren, let us work, pray and give for missions and thus lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven and help to save a dying world.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Committee,
W. A. SMITH.

The report was discussed by Bro. Smith, after which pledges were taken. Adopted.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, John R. Miller; alternate Henry Sheets.

Delegates to North Carolina Baptist State Convention—John D. Holt, A. A. Loflin, C. M. Wall; alternates—Jeff Lanning, J. T. Valentine and Archibald Johnson.

The committee to nominate the Executive Board recommended the following brethren, viz: John R. Miller, James Smith, William Bowers, W. C. Roach and C. M. Wall. The report was adopted.

The committee on an Associational History reported that because of press of business the manuscript was not yet ready, but will be ready by next association. The committee was continued.

The pastor announced that Bro. W. A. Smith would preach in this house tonight at 8:15.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder Leach.

AT NIGHT.

According to announcement Bro. Smith preached to an attentive audience a most helpful sermon.

Bro. J. T. Valentine, chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted their report, which was adopted. (See report latter part of minutes.)

On motion of Bro. John R. Miller the clerk was allowed $10 for his services and remainder of minute fund to be spent in the publication of the minutes.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 21.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder Jeff Lanning.

The Treasurer, Bro. S. H. Averitt, read his report, which was adopted, and which herewith follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT RECEIVED.

Home Missions—From Finance Committee and churches	$ 43 82
State Missions—From Finance Committee and churches	120 12
Foreign Missions—From Finance Com. and churches	78 58
Seminary—Churches	15 32
Minute Fund—From Finance Committee	25 22
Ministers' Relief—From Finance Com. and churches	24 49
Ministerial Education	42 22
Education	10 32
S. S. Missions—From Finance Com. and churches	8 68
Total	$368 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Home Missions—To Walter Durham, treasurer	$ 43 82
State Missions—Walter Durham, treas. and miss'aries	120 12
Foreign Missions—To Walter Durham, treasurer	78 58
Seminary—To B. Pressly Smith, treasurer	15 32
Minute Fund—To Rev. Henry Sheets	25 22
Ministers' Relief—To Walter Durham, treasurer	24 49
Ministerial Education—To Walter Durham, treasurer	42 22
Education—To Walter Durham, treas., and R.T.Vann,	10 32
S. S. Missions—To Walter Durham, treasurer	8 68
Total	$368 77

S. H. AVERITT, TREASURER.

Report adopted.

Elder Jeff Lanning presented the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report the following:

We believe that the Sunday school is a part of church work, and that it is the duty of both pastor and church to engage in this work. We are glad that we can report a growing interest among our churches to teach Bible truths to the young people.

How important that our children have a knowledge of the Bible early in life.

We believe the Sunday school to be a great means by which to develop the membership of the churches in all departments of the Lord's work. We recommend the use of our Sunday school literature to all of our Sunday schools. Respectfully submitted,

O. T. DAVIES,
JEFF LANNING, } Com.

This report was discussed by Elder Lanning and W. A. Smith. Adopted.

The following was read before the body :

REPORT ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF BOARD.

The Aged Ministers' Relief Board of our convention, located at Durham, N. C., was instituted some ten or twelve years ago. The object of this board is to help provide the necessities of life for aged ministers who are old and feeble, and who are in needy circumstances.

These old brethren were the pioneers of our work as a denomination. They have labored and we have entered into their labors. They received but small remuneration for their services and are now left in extreme poverty in their declining years, and as a denomination we do not want them to spend their declining years in the county homes, dejected and neglected.

The plan of this board is to make a reserved fund of one-third of the money contributed, and place the same at interest for the benefit of the board, and the other two-thirds goes directly to the proper beneficiaries.

Brethren, let every church and every member take part in helping to feed and cloth these dear old brethren in their last days.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. TYSINGER, Com.

Spoken to by W. A. Smith. Pledges taken and report adopted.

Deacon William Bowers read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board was instituted in the year of our Lord, 1845, by our Southern Baptist Convention to co-operate with other Boards in the Convention, to do work which they could not do, and there has been an open door for this Board ever since, down to the present time. And no other Board has attained greater results according to the support given it. It fits itself to rich and poor alike ; the city and the remotest rural districts, with its ear ever open to the Macedonian cry, with the good Samaritan-like spirit.

Last year's work shows additions, total, 17,201 ; churches constituted 231 ; houses of worship built and repaired, 398 ; Sunday schools organized, 874 ; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 27,499 ; tracks distributed, pages, 2,084,355.

What this Board needs most is strength to hold up its arm. This given, the results will continue to be good. May the Lord bless the efforts made by this Board.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM BOWERS.

Discussed by Bro. William Bowers, John R. Miller and W. A. Smith. Adopted.

Bro. S. H. Averitt read the excellent

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

The Liberty Association should take peculiar pride in our Orphanage work, located in the bounds of our body. We have not shown so liberal a spirit toward the institution as many other associations which are very remote from this section of the State. The Tar River is represented by a large number of buildings, and pours into the treasury of the Orphanage a yearly contribution with which that of the Liberty association is not worthy to be compared.

The Lord has honored us above our brethren in giving us this blessed institution, and it should kindle our zeal and quicken all our denominational life to come in touch with it as no other people in North Carolina do.

Our people know too little about the Orphanage. We should inform ourselves about its work and keep our hearts warm under the influence that it always kindles. Fewer copies of Charity and Children are taken in this association than in many others, hundreds of miles away.

The institution has in its care at the present time about 213 children. The year's work which closed June 30th was highly satisfactory. The health of the children has been excellent, the bill for medicine and medical attendance having been only about $100.00.

The economy with which the Orphanage is managed has always been a strong and striking feature of the work. $4.75 a month maintains a child, and this includes all the running expenses of the Orphanage, salaries and all. Where can an institution be found which can make a better showing? The General Manager and his wife are well known to us all and so long as they are in charge we need have no fear that the money sent by our churches to support the Orphanage will be wasted.

The crop prospects are excellent. Wheat was light but the corn crop will more than make up for it. The Mill's shop is under full headway and, we hope, will pay it's own way this year. A shoe shop under the care of a competent workman promises to do a good business, and Charity and Children puts a yearly profit into the treasury of a thousand dollars.

A new dormitory is in process of erection and will be open to admit forty little boys in the early fall. It is a gift to the Orphanage by Mr. J. A. Durham, a prosperous business man of Charlotte, and is a memorial to a sainted mother, who has passed into the skies.

These additional orphans will run the number up to more than 250 and we urge our churches to enlarge their contributions to meet the enlarged demands.

God has thrown these little ones upon us, brethren, and we must help to supply their needs. A thousand others are yet uncared for and exposed to all the snares of the evil one. They are crying to us to help them. Shall we heed their cries? "In as much as ye did it NOT to one of these little ones, ye did it NOT to me."

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. AVERITT, for Com.

This excellent report was spoken to by Bro. Averitt, the treasurer of our Orphanage. Report adopted.

Brother John W. Cole read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Perhaps no evil is so universal, or so far-reaching among our churches, as intemperance. The very attendants of this evil bring upon our churches and people in general a kind of disrespect and ingratitude toward the welfare and betterment of both church and state. If we persist in the present condition of things we may only hope to continue making a record which will indicate a most unwholesome church constituency as well as one that will ever be a blot upon our christian endeavor in allowing such things to exist.

Believing that the future of our government, both morally and religiously, will be determined by the way and manner in which our churches treat this subject, we would recommend that our people use every available means to reduce this most obnoxious evil and thereby destroy the poisonous influences of the saloons and their other agencies to cripple the morality and religion of our boys and girls, even at the cost of a change of political opinion.

J. W. COLE.

This report brought out the most spirited discussion of the session, which was participated in by Jeff Lanning, Henry Sheets, W. H. Smith, John A. Summey and William Bowers. It was most heartily adopted.

Bro. W. A. Smith offered resolution of thanks :

RESOLVED, That we, the delegates and visitors to this association, do hereby express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality extended during this session of Liberty association.

Adjourned to meet at Jersey on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, 1903.

JAMES SMITH, MODERATOR.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Woman's Missionary Societies.

There are only two in the association :

HOLLOWAY'S—Mrs. J. F. Peters, Young's, president. Contributions: State missions, $5.50; Home missions, $4.50.

LEXINGTON—Miss Roxie Sheets, Lexington, president. This society has 34 members. Contributions : State missions, $8 ; Home missions, $8; Foreign missions $8.

Report of Committee on Finance.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns	Home Missions	Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Union Meeting..	....	8 00	7 00	7 00	2 62	....	....	....
Abbott's Creek	....	....	....	4 00	....	....	2 00	6 00
Center Cross.....	50	50	50	....	50	50	30	2 80
Denton............	....	....	....	1 50	56	3 80	1 74	7 60
El Dorado........	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	....	5 00
Holloway's	9 25	....	....	3 91	....	1 67	1 33	16 16
Huldah	1 00	50	1 00	....	....	....	35	2 85
Jackson's Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jersey	4 05	....	....	8 00	2 00	20 26	2 55	34 31
Lexington.........	12 96	....	....	....	....	22 44	2 50	42 90
Liberty	4 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	71	12 71
Lick Creek........	....	10 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	....	1 48	21 48
Maple Springs..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marion	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
Mt. Lebanon....	2 00	....	1 00	....	50	2 00	30	5 80
New Friendship	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 60	1 60
Oak Hill...........	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Orphanage........	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 00	2 00
Pine M. House..	....	....	5 00	2 30	2 00	10 00	2 37	21 67
Piney Grove.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 40	1 40
Pleasant Fork..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Reed's X Roads	55	....	....	....	....	....	1 35	1 90
Rich Fork.........	....	....	....	2 06	2 18	18	86	5 28
Stoner's Grove	2 47	2 60	2 35	1 00	1 16	2 60	1 41	13 59
Summerville.....	....	....	....	....	....	I 50	....	1 50
Thomasville	1 50	50	....	25	....	....	86	3 11
Gravel Hill......	....	1 00	1 00	....	....	2 00	55	4 55
Taylor's Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	44 28	26 60	27 85	34 02	15 47	68 45	25 66	250 58

Table of Pledges for 1902-1903.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Miss'ns	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Total.	Pledges for Baptist Female University.
Abbott's Creek	12 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	18 00	4 50	54 50	....
Center Cross	....	50	....	1 00	50	50	2 50	....
Denton	5 00	3 50	5 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	27 50	5 00
Gravel Hill	1 00	50	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00
Holloway's	15 00	5 00	12 00	5 00	20 00	3 00	60 00	25 00
Huldah	1 00	1 00	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	....
Jackson's Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jersey	18 00	6 00	18 00	8 00	25 00	2 00	77 00	30 00
Lexington	35 00	20 00	50 00	15 00	30 00	5 00	155 00	100 00
Liberty	4 00	5 00	11 00	3 00	10 00	1 50	24 50	5 00
Lick Creek	10 00	6 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	36 00	....
Maple Springs	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marion	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Lebanon	2 50	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	9 50	....
New Friendship	15 00	6 00	10 00	5 00	25 00	2 00	63 00	....
Oak Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Orphanage	50 00	30 00	40 00	15 00	55 00	5 00	195 00	150 00
Pine M. House	11 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	10 00	2 00	40 00	25 00
Piney Grove	30 00	17 50	35 00	6 00	20 00	5 00	113 50	60 00
Pleasant Fork	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Reed's X Roads	7 00	5 00	18 00	3 00	25 00	3 00	61 00	25 00
Rich Fork	7 00	3 00	6 00	2 50	6 00	1 50	26 00	25 00
Stoner's Grove	3 50	2 50	3 50	1 50	3 00	1 50	15 50	5 00
Summerville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Taylor's Grove	2 00	50	3 00	50	1 50	1 00	8 50	1 00
Thomasville	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	8 50	2 50
Union Meeting	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	3 00	63 00	....
	243 50	137 00	254 50	97 00	280 00	48 50	1060 50	459 50

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, AUGUST, 1902.

CHURCHES.	Superinten'ts	Superintendent's Postoffice.	Secretary.	Secretary's Postoffice.	Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars.	Total.	No. of Schools.	No. Vol. in Library.	Quarterlies and papers taken.	Months Kept Open.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School
Abbott's Creek	D. D. Orrell	Kernersville.....N. C.	W. D. Spurgeon	Orinoco..........N. C.	6	70	76	...	...	75	12	30	...
Center Cross	No school	Reported			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Denton	W. B. Russell	Denton "	W. T. Tysinger	Denton..........N. C.	8	128	136	1	80	100	12	61	...
El Dorado	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado "	W. E. Hall	El Dorado "	6	55	61	1	...	34	6	28	...
Gravel Hill	A. A. Loflin	Riley's Store "	E. M. Russell	Riley's Store "	6	30	36	...	...	...	12	25	10
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill "	H. J. Palmer	Silver Hill "	6	64	70	1	75	75	12	45	6
Huldah	Vester Moore	Mitchfield "	M. F. Presnell	Mitchfield "	6	62	68	...	...	45	...	35	...
Jackson's Creek	No school	Reported			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jersey	J. D. Palmer	Linwood "	W. L. Smith	Linwood.........N. C.	7	100	107	...	...	280	...	60	...
Lexington	C. W. Trice	Lexington "	James Smith	Lexington "	25	230	255	3	...	300	12	230	...
Liberty	D. T. Andrews	Hannersville "	Miss Lula Hepler	Hannersville "	7	53	60	1	100	104	...	34	10
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider	Bringle's "			6	80	86	1	90	90	8	...	...
Maple Springs	No school	Reported			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marion	" "	"			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Lebanon	" "	"			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Friendship	" "	"			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oak Hill	" "	"			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orphanage	S. H. Averitt	Thomasville "	Jas. R. Price	Thomasville...N. C.	12	231	243	...	...	241	12	230	...
Pine M. House	J. H. Beck	Churchland "	O. T. Davis	Churchland "	20	190	210	4	100	232	8	200	...
Piney Grove	T. S. Wall	Wallburg "	C. C. Smith	Wallburg "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Fork	No school	Reported			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Reed's X Roads	P. A. Myers	Reed's "	Miss Sallie Myers	Reed's..........N. C.	7	82	89	1	40	75	12	50	3
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers	Jimes "	Oscar Bowers	Jimes "	11	74	85	1	...	50	12	50	8
Stoner's Grove	O. L. Stoner	Fairmont "	Charles Wrenn	Fairmont "	6	55	61	...	...	...	...	35	6
Summerville	No school	Reported			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taylor's Grove	A. H. Michael	Chandler "	Miss Lizzie Taylor	Chandler........N. C.	7	55	62	1	...	55	...	36	2
Thomasville	H W Reinhart	Thomasville "	" Cora Morton	Thomasville "	3	30	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
					149	1789	1938	23	485	1656	...	1239	45

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1902.

			ADDED.				LOST.								
CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	Clerk's Postoffice.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restorations.	Total.	Dis. by Letter	Exclusions.	Deaths.	Total.	Gain.	Loss.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague	Wallburg.....N. C.	22	...	1	23	1	...	3	4	19	...	56	113	169
Center Cross	John Cole	Seagrove ..... "	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	7	20	27
Denton	W. T. Tysinger	Denton ..... "	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	45	54	99
El Dorado	H. A. Henderson,	El Dorado... "	2	...	...	2	9	2	2	13	...	11	11	26	37
Gravel Hill	E. M. Russell	Riley's Store "	12	1	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	14	26
Holloway's	B. R. Cross	Silver Hill... "	9	...	...	9	1	1	2	4	5	...	60	113	173
Huldah	Vester Moore	Mitchfield.... "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	12	18
Jackson's Creek	No report	Statistics last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	76	102
Jersey	G. W. Palmer	Linwood ......N. C.	6	5	...	11	5	17	...	22	...	11	67	83	150
Lexington	A. B. Willis	Lexington..... "	4	9	...	13	16	...	4	20	...	7	82	123	205
Liberty	J. M. Easter	Hannersville "	15	1	3	19	6	65	...	71	...	52	47	83	130
Lick Creek	J. A. Kinney	Healing Sp's "	...	...	1	1	20	1	3	24	...	23	56	68	124
Maple Springs	No report	Statistics last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	27	35
Marion	R. S. Green, Sr.	Lexington....N. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mt. Lebanon	J. D. Welch	Pisgah .... "	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	3	...	...	13	27	40
New Friendship	S. A. Hege	**Winston-Salem** . "	...	2	...	2	1	2	3	6	...	4	34	71	105
Oak Hill	No report	Statistics last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	17	27
Orphanage	N. B. Moore	Thomasville, N. C.	...	1	...	1	18	2	...	20	...	19	53	77	130
Pine M. House	R. K. Williams	Swift........... "	21	1	4	26	2	13	3	18	8	...	77	133	210
Piney Grove	P. E. Whicker	Bethany ...... "	6	1	...	7	1	...	3	4	3	...	24	39	63
Pleasant Fork	No report	Statistics last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	18
Reed's X Roads	D. C. Craver	Reed's ....N. C.	5	2	1	8	5	2	1	8	...	...	63	93	156
Rich Fork	J. F. Clinard	Thomasville, "	23	1	...	24	...	1	3	4	20	...	33	63	96
Stoner's Grove	O. L. Stoner	Fairmont ..... "	6	3	...	9	...	...	...	...	9	...	21	27	48
Summerville	No report	Statistics last year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	40	54
Taylor's Grove	C. L. Bailey	Chandler......N. C.	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	14	23
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart	Thomasville, "	1	2	...	3	3	...	1	4	1	...	7	19	26
			139	32	10	181	91	109	27	227	68	130	849	1462	2316

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1902.

RCHES.	PASTORS.	Pastor's Postoffice.	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Miss'ns	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Total.
's Creek	J. M. Hilliard	High Point ... N. C.	100 00	50 00	33 10	6 00		15 00	3 00	13 00	22 11		4 00	3 50		2 00	251 71
Cross	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado "	20 32					50	50	50	50			50		30	23 12
	Jeff Lanning,	Denton "	75 00		9 89	13 49		5 00	2 50	4 00	9 00		1 50	1 06	16 72	1 74	139 90
ado	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado "	14 71			82		1 00	1 00	50	1 00		1 00	1 00			21 03
Hill	L. G. Lewis	N. Hope Aca'y "	25 00			6 00		1 00		1 00	3 00						36 00
ay's	J. R. Miller	Thomasville "	100 00			5 08		17 00	5 18	11 95	20 00		5 87	3 93	12 00	1 33	182 34
	Lee W. Harris	El Dorado "	15 00	35 00		1 62		1 00	1 00	50						35	54 47
n's Creek	Not represented																
	J. R. Miller	Thomasville ... N. C.	150 00					18 00	6 00	14 45	20 26		8 00	2 00	12 00	2 55	233 26
ton	W. A. Smith	Lexington "	550 00	136 92	97 41	114 41		38 08	16 25	36 00	25 00		16 80	5 00	9 00	2 50	1047 37
	J. A. Summey	Hannersville "	75 00	33 25	15 30	2 20		4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00		3 00	1 50	14 10	71	173 06
reek	" "	Hannersville "	75 00	900 00	15 00	4 00	3 05	6 00	5 00	10 00			3 00	2 00		1 48	1024 53
Springs	Not represented																
banon	M. J. Leach	Lassiter ... N. C.						2 00	1 00	5 00	2 00		50	50		30	11 30
iendship	F. H. Jones	Reidsville "	125 00		33 89			15 00	6 00	10 00	76 95		5 00	2 00		1 60	275 44
ill	Not represented																
age	J B Richardson	High Point ... N. C.	88 74					56 54	27 18	36 03	156 00		4 50	2 16	1 46		376 61
. House	Jeff Lanning	Denton "	100 00		32 00	17 76		11 00	5 00	6 00	10 00		2 30	2 00		2 37	188 43
Grove	Henry Sheets	Lexington "	100 00		10 00	22 50		27 00	20 27	30 00	20 00		5 67	4 30	1 34	1 40	375 14
nt Fork	Not represented																
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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventieth Annual Session

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

JERSEY CHURCH,

AUGUST 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH, 1903.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

MODERATOR: James Smith, Lexington, N. C.
CLERK: Henry Sheets, Lexington, N. C.
TREASURER: S. H Averitt, Thomasville, N C.

PLACE, TIME AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION:

Next session of Liberty Association will convene with the church at Pine M. House, seven miles northwest from Linwood Station, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, 1904. The Introductory Sermon by Elder G. P. Harrill; Alternate, Elder J. D. Newton.

List of Ordained Ministers in Liberty Association, Aug., 1903.

Adderton, W. S.,	Denton, N. C
Boone, J. B.,	Thomasville, N. C.
Harrill, G. P.,	Thomasville, N. C.
Lanning, Jeff,	Denton, N. C.
Leach, M. J.,	Lassiter, N. C.
Miller, John R.,	Thomasville, N. C.
Morton, H.,	Thomasville, N. C.
Newton, J. D.,	Thomasville, N. C.
Orrell, N. B.,	Kernersville, R. F. D., N. C.
Sheets, Henry,	Lexington, N. C.
Smith, W. A.,	Lexington, N. C.
Stoker, A. P.,	Denton, N. C.
Summey, John A.,	Hannersville, N. C.

Executive Board.

John R. Miller,
William Bowers,
James Smith,
W. C. Roach,
C. M. Wall.

Proceedings.

JERSEY BAPTIST CHURCH, August 18, 1903.

Liberty Baptist Association met with this church to-day in its Seventieth annual Session. The Annual Sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Smith, from II. Cor., 4: 6.

INTERMISSION FOR DINNER.

On reassembling, Elder J. D. Newton conducted religious exercises, reading Thirty-fourth Psalm and leading in prayer.

The Moderator then called the body to order and proceeded to call the roll of churches. Elders W. A. Smith and John R. Miller were appointed Reading Clerks.

The names of Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—N. R. Teague and C. H. Teague.

Asheboro—R. L. Deaton.

Center Cross—By letter.

Denton—W. B. Russell, J. G. Snider and Arthur Lanning.

Gravel Hill—Branson I. Sheets and W. D. Loflin.

Holloway's—J. M. Prim, Sr., J. F. Carrick and J. A. Carrick.

Huldah—By letter.

Jackson's Creek—Not represented.

Jersey—Z. T. Sharpe, L. A. Smith and G. W. Palmer.

Lexington—H. P. Gallimore, John T. Yarbrough and R. B. Miller.

Liberty—Ellis Summey and Charles Hepler.

Lick Creek—P. M. Snider.

Maple Springs—Not represented.

Marion—Not represented.

Mt. Lebanon—Not represented.

New Friendship—R. S. Snider.

Oak Hill—Not represented.

Orphanage—G. P. Harrill.

Pine M. House—W. T. Beck and R. K. Williams.

Piney Grove—C. M. Wall and Ezra Matsinger.

Pleasant Fork—Not represented.

Reed's X Roads—C. H. Fritts.

Rich Fork—R. S. Green, Jr., and William Clinard.

Stoner's Grove—W. C. Roach, John H. Wofford and O. L. Stoner.

Summerville—By letter.

Taylor's Grove—John Rogers.

Thomasville—A. J. Olive, John R. Miller and H. Morton.

After the enrollment of Messengers Bro. John R. Miller moved that Bro. W. A. Smith cast the vote of the body for Bro. James Smith as Moderator during the ensuing year, which duty was duly performed. The Clerk, Henry Sheets, and Treasurer, S. H. Averitt, were both re-elected.

INVITATION TO VISITING BRETHREN.

The following brethren accepted seats in the body: Bro. Ernest L. Green, of the Central Association, and Principal-elect of the Liberty Association High School; Prof. J. H. Garrell, of Wake Forest College; Elder S. J. Beeker, representing the *North Carolina Baptist;* Elder J. S. Farmer, of the *Biblical Recorder;* Bro. S. J. Hasty, of the Union Association and Principal-elect of the Academy at Churchland, and Bro. H. A. Rowe, of the Mt. Zion Association.

Elder J. D. Newton read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The best method of informing our people about our denominational work is through the medium of our papers. You can hardly find an intelligent Christian home where there is not a Christian paper. This is perhaps an age when the press exerts a greater influence than any age of the past. We can hardly conceive of the mighty effect of the press if all its power was turned in the direction of serving the Lord and Master.

But we are grateful for the earnest and intellectual men whose energies are being given to editing religious journals and writing their thoughts for the benefit of the brotherhood and the glory of God. The Lord add strength and wisdom to our brethren who have the responsibility of publishing our denominational papers in North Carolina.

The Biblical Recorder fills a large place in the hearts of the Baptists of our State. Its influence and power is spreading more and more as the years go by.

Charity and Children gives the news from our Orphanage and Sunday-schools do well to have large numbers of copies coming to them week after week.

The North Carolina Baptist deserves a wide and close reading. We heartily recommend the Foreign Mission Journal of Richmond, Va., to our Churches, as an indispensable help in informing our people of the great work of Foreign Missions.

The Church Worker, Lexington, N. C., is a very readable paper, which is sent to subscribers for only twenty-five cents a year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. NEWTON,
P. M. SNIDER.

The report was spoken to by Elders J. D. Newton, J. S. Farmer, S. J. Beeker, Henry Sheets, G. P. Harrill, W. A. Smith and Prof. J. H. Garrell, after which the report was adopted.

The committees named below were appointed:

On Arrangements—W. A. Smith, G. P. Harrill and R. S. Green, Jr.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

After the service of song, the benediction was pronounced by Elder G. P. Harrill.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19TH.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder R. A. Moore. Read 34th Psalm.

The body was then called to order for business. The Moderator gave a second invitation to visitors. Elders R. A. Moore, of the Robeson Association; W. H. Rich, of the Atlantic; Thomas Carrick, of the Piedmont; also Elder Livington Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, were recognized by the chair and accepted seats.

Bro. W. A. Smith read a partial Report on Arrangement.

Elder G. P. Harrill read the following:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

The number of children now in care of the Orphanage is 260. This is the largest number we have ever reported to the Association. In the near future three new buildings are to be erected. One by Mr. E. F. Aydlett, of Elizabeth City; another by the Chowan Association, and a third by Mr. J. C. Whitty, of New Bern, in memory of a beloved daughter, who has passed into the skies. These buildings will be opened as soon as they are finished, and will swell the number to about 375.

At the last meeting of the Orphanage Board, held in July, a resolution was passed that not a dollar of any invested fund should be used in purchasing supplies for the children, but that all the interest accruing from such funds should be expended in the improvement of the plant. Thus the burden of support, instead of being lessened, is really increased by the bequests which have been left to the Orphanage. The Lord seems to have intended the obligation to feed and clothe the children to rest on the hearts of the Churches. As buildings have been needed from time to time He has raised up men and women of means to erect them, but always the current fund has been provided by the rank and file of our people. This will ever be true, and it would be a calamity if it were otherwise.

These things being true, your Committee would urge the necessity of an increased contribution from every Church in the Association. This institution should be particularly dear to us, for it is right at our doors and we should lead the way in the enlargement of the work of the Orphanage. We would also urge a monthly contribution to the Orphanage by our Sunday-schools. This plan is working well in hundreds of Sunday-schools in the State. It ought to work better in the Liberty Association than anywhere else. Shall we be recreant while others go forward? Shall we prove ourselves laggards under the shadow of the Orphanage? The call comes to us louder than to others. Let us promptly and nobly respond.

S. H. AVERITT.

Speeches were made on the above report by Elders G. P. Harrill, W. H. Rich and Thomas Carrick. After pledges had been taken, the report was adopted.

On motion of Elder H. Morton, the Clerk was authorized to place the amounts pledged last year to the churches which failed to report this year, to be paid by August, 1904.

The Chair appointed the following committees to report next year on the subjects assigned:

On State Missions—W. A. Smith and W. C. Barnes.
On Home Missions—Jeff Lanning and B. I. Sheets.
On Foreign Missions—G. P. Harrill and Z. T. Sharpe.
On Periodicals—Henry Sheets and C. M. Wall.
On Education—R S. Green, Jr., and R. K. Williams.
On Baptist Orphanage—John R. Miller and T. H. Small.
On Sunday Schools—P. M. Snider and J. M. Prim, Sr
On Minister's Relief—N. R. Teague and W. D. Loflin.
On Temperance—J. A. Summey and J. A. Carrick.
On Obituaries—J. D. Newton and H. Morton.

To Report at This Meeting.

On Place and Preacher—W. A. Smith, John R. Miller and A. J. Olive.

To Name Executive Board—G. P. Harrill, Jeff Lanning and N. R. Teague.

Committee on Finance—R. S. Green, Jr., and Arthur Lanning.

The very able and interesting report on State Missions was read by Elder John R. Miller.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

All mission work rests on the same foundation, namely: The command of Christ. There is, therefore, no difference as to the importance of our several classifications of missions, only in proportion to their needs.

State missions is that part of our mission work which seeks to evangelize and develop the people of North Carolina for greater service in the Master's kingdom. The two main objects, then, of State missions are evangelization and development.

1st. Evangelization. While we sometimes look upon North Carolinians as a people well advanced in Christianity, if we stop and take a more careful view we will find that there is much destitution within our bounds. By far the larger part of our population make no claims of religion. In the Eastern part of the State there are large sections, even whole counties, without a resident minister; very few Churches, and scarcely any preaching. And this is true, not only of the East, but here in our own midst, in the Piedmont section, there are large areas of country without Baptist preaching and Baptist Churches.

We need to occupy these places; first, because the people in these sections should have the Gospel as we preach it; Christ commands that His Gospel should be preached to all people, and if we have His Gospel, then we are, as Paul said, debtors to all men everywhere to preach it unto them, whether in North Carolina or the isles of the sea.

And again, there surely never has been a time when error was making a greater effort to capture the people than it is now doing. What may we expect to be the result of the teachings of Christian Scientists in our towns; Sinless Perfectionists in our factory districts, and Mormons in our neglected country communities? With all these, and others, seeking through covetousness and with feigned words to make merchandise of our people (II Pet. 2: 3); is it not needful to preach the Gospel in its purity to the people of our own State? For nothing but the whole Gospel of Christ, fearlessly and faithfully proclaimed, can meet and defeat these *isms*, and save men from error and sin.

2d. Development: Christ when here on earth, said to the fishermen of Galilee: "Follow me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." His invitation, and at the same time command, to the idlers in the market, was, "Go into my vineyard and work." Further, the one great law of entrance into His kingdom is laid down in these words: "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Salvation, then, means self-denial, cross bearing, obedience, service. "We are called for a purpose;" "We are saved to serve."

Therefore, it is also a part of the work of the State Mission Board to enlist and utilize more fully in the Master's service, the combined strength of the more than 170,000 Baptists in North Carolina.

In the Western part of our State we have a great host of Baptist people, who seem to be unconscious of their great strength, and not awake to the responsibility resting upon them as "Soldiers of the cross." They need development.

And not only in Western North Carolina, but I am persuaded that also in Central and Eastern North Carolina our people need to have their "Pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance," that we, too, might be more mindful of the commandments of our Lord and Master. Hundreds of Churches, and thousands of Baptist people in North Carolina only add length to the roll-call of our denomination. What can be done—yes, what must be done—that we may reach and develop these people? They are good people, Christian men and women, saved by grace, but they seem never to have been touched with that holy zeal which makes one willing to lay down his life—to sacrifice for the cause of our Master.

Our State Board is making an effort to reach some of these people in the Western part of the State by means of education; and, to my mind, nothing ought to be left undone which carries with it the hope of enlisting our dormant forces. While it may not be the place of an Associational Committee to make suggestions to the State Board, yet it seems to me that something more should be done, in order to awake the large number of our people who are sleeping in their tents. Could we not inaugurate something like Pastors' Institutes, Missionary Institutes, or something of that order, by which we could enlist the pastors, and through them reach the Churches? Development, as I see it, is the one great need of our denomination in North Carolina to-day.

One thing is certain, we cannot give to others that which we do not possess ourselves. Lifeless and anti-mission Churches will never lead sinners to Christ at home or abroad. If we would give the Gospel to the world, we must have it at home; we must evangelize the State; we must develop our forces, and in proportion as we do these things, we will be able to conquer the world for Christ.

JOHN R. MILLER.

P. S. Brother A. A. Loflin, who was appointed with me on this report, has been called to the Great Association beyond this life.

J. R. M.

Secretary Livingston Johnson made an able and instructive speech on the above report. Pledges were then taken. Report adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

Benediction by Elder Thomas Carrick.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 19th.

Bro. W. A. Smith read the report of Committee on Associational High School.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Whereas, the union meeting of the Liberty Association convened at Reed's Cross Roads in November, 1902, recognizing the need of a first-class associational school within its bounds, appointed an investigating committee to report at the following union meeting to to be held at Denton in March of 1903, as to the advisability of establishing such a school, and the most favorable place for its location, and

Whereas, this committee reported it an advisable undertaking at said meeting, and by its authority were continued for further investigation as to the most favorable place to locate the school, with instructions to report at the union meeting to be held at Piney Grove in May; and,

Whereas, at the union meeting in session at Piney Grove, the same committee were continued and authorized to decide upon the location, so soon as the necessary information could be obtained in regard to the probable support and maintenance of said school; pending the approval and endorsement of this Association in its regular session; and,

Whereas, this committee, after careful investigation, decided that Wallburg, N. C., all things considered, was the most favorable location and offered, by far, the best advantages, and therefore located the school there. Be it, therefore, Resolved by this, the Liberty Association, That we do approve and endorse the actions of these several unions of the Association and their committees and recognize the school thus established as the Liberty Association School and give it our hearty support.

COMMITTEE.

Addresses were made by Brethren W. A. Smith and E. L. Green in behalf of the report and the work contemplated.

The report was then adopted.

Indisposition kept Elder J. M. Hilliard from attending this session of the Association, but he prepared and sent the report below, which was read by Bro. John R. Miller:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We have never seen such efforts put forth, by nearly all of our people, along the line of general education as are being put forth at present, and this means that something will be done to educate the masses. We are glad that such efforts are being put forth, and shall rejoice, when every boy and girl in our State, shall have an opportunity to get at least enough education to prepare them to be good and intelligent citizens, and that they may be prepared to serve their God and their fellow-man to a better advantage.

We, as a denomination, must not fall behind in this great work, but be among the leaders, for if we should fail to do our part, we will suffer a great loss to our denomination that we could not repair soon.

So, then, let us do our part in the general education of our people, especially let us look after our own institutions—Wake Forest is the place for our boys and the Baptist Female University is the place for our girls, and let us not forget our many private colleges such as Oxford Seminary, Chowan Institute, and our many other noble schools.

We of the Libertly Association should look well to our own associational school at Wallburg, and do all we can to help our principal, Professor Earnest Green, and his assistants in their struggle to build up our Academy.

REV. J. M. HILLIARD.

After addresses by Prof. J. H. Garrell and Elder J. S. Farmer, which included general education as well, pledges were taken for ministerial education, and then the report was adopted.

The Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. G. P. Harrill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845, for the purpose of giving the gospel not only to the white people, but to the Indians and Negroes in destitute parts of the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention. This territory is now composed of the Southern States, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Cuba.

Into our Southland foreigners are coming by the thousands every month, bringing with them doctrines and practices that are not only alien to our faith, but subversive and antagonistic to it. Many of these foreigners go directly to the Western Frontiers, there to make their homes side by side with our own kinsmen from the Eastern States. We must evangelize them or they will heathenize our kinsmen. And this is done largely by the missionaries employed by our Home Board.

Let us remember that the Home Mission Board works in cooperation with our State Boards, and in no sense does it antagonize or compete with them. One great work of the Home Board has been to help some of the States to organize, and to strengthen those already organized.

Let us not forget, also, that the Home Board has helped no little to make us strong in our own State; the churches in Charlotte, Salisbury, Greensboro, Asheville, Raleigh, Goldsboro, New Bern, Edenton, Tarboro, Elizabeth City, Washington, Chapel Hill, Warrenton, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Bryson City, Murphy and Concord have all been aided by the Home Board.

In view of the above facts we recommend that the churches increase their pledges to the Home Mission Board.

G. P. HARRILL, for Committee.

Remarks were made on the above report by Secretary Johnson, Elders S. J. Beeker and W. A. Smith. After pledges had been secured, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made the following report:

That, Pine Meeting House be the place and Elder G. P. Harrill the preacher; Alternate—Elder J. D. Newton.

W. A. Smith read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is with gratitude to God that we mark the onward strides in our Foreign Mission work as carried on by the Southern Baptist Convention. The past year appears to have been the most successful in the history of the Convention. During the last Convention year over $200,000 was contributed to Foreign Missions in Southern Convention, and the present year we obligated to raise $300,000 for this purpose. Last year's report shows 1,439 baptisms on Foreign fields, while we report at present about 1800 baptisms during the year just closed.

At our last State Convention at Durham, we advanced our pledges from $12,000 to $20,000 for Foreign Missions which means an increase of some sixty per cent. on the former year, and if we meet our part must make this advance in our pledges.

Nearly three fourths of the world is yet in heathen darkness and the command of Christ is to "go preach the gospel to every creature," and we shall prove recreant to our trust unless we meet the demand and "go forward."

We have now about 118 missionaries on the field and the demand is for an increase in our mission forces, and there are others ready to go, if only the necessary means were in hand to support them. Brethren can we stand in the judgment and face the indifference which seems so prevalent among the churches to which we belong?

May the Spirit of God lead us in this the mightiest work in this world—the leading of the world to Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. SMITH,
O. L. STONER,
Committee.

Elder W. H. Rich made an able speech on the report; pledges taken; report adopted.

A small Baptist church was constituted at night on the 27th of November, 1902, containing seven members. This little band came forward through the pastor, Elder J. D. Newton and Delegate R. L. Deaton, presented an application for membership in this body and on motion was unanimously received into our fellowship, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

The committee to nominate the Executive Board for the ensuing year made the following report:

We recommend the continuation of the present Board, viz: John R. Miller, James Smith, W. C. Roach, William Bowers and C. M. Wall.

The committee to name four Trustees in behalf of this body for the Liberty Associational High School, named the following brethren: W. A. Smith, R. S. Green, Jr., J. A. Carrick and Archibald Johnson.

The Committee on Arrangements reported for the work to-morrow as follows:

9:30–10—Devotional Exercises.
10–10:30—Sunday Schools.
10:30–11—Ministerial Relief.
11–11:30—Temperance.
11:30–12—Miscellaneous.
12 M.—Adjournment.

On motion adjourned.

Benediction by Livingston Johnson.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 20TH.

Religious exercises conducted by Elder H. Morton. At the close of this service the body was called to order. Elder Jeff Lanning read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday School beg leave to report the following:

We believe that the Sunday School is a part of church work, and that it is the duty of both pastor and church to engage in this work.

We are glad that we can report a growing interest among our churches to teach Bible truths to the young people. How important that our children have a knowledge of the Bible early in life.

We believe the Sunday School to be a great means by which to develop the membership of the churches in all departments of the Lord's work.

We recommend the use of our Sunday School literature to all of our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
JEFF LANNING, Committee.

Elder Lanning spoke to this report in an interesting and humorous vein. On motion, the speeches were limited to five minutes in length during the remainder of the session.

Bro. H. A. Rome followed Bro. Lanning.

The report adopted.

Bro. Henry Sheets read the

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF.

Many of God's servants in the ministry have done their work, and without a just compensation, giving their time largely to this work, and now in old age, some of them or their widows are without the means of support.

The Convention decided several years ago to make the care of these aged ministers an object of their contributions and prayers.

This Association has for several years been aiding this worthy object, and your committee has hope that the churches will never forget these faithful soldiers of the Cross. It is urged that a special collection be taken at least once a year for this work and that a month's notice of such collection be given and that every member of the churches help this work. Will not the deacons and other laymen take the lead in this work?

HENRY SHEETS,
W. C. BARNES,
Committee.

Remarks were submitted by Bro. W. C. Barnes and Elder R. A. Moore. Report adopted.

Bro. N. R. Teague read report as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

While there are many ways of intemperance, yet the use of intoxicating drink usually leads to other intemperate habits. It is a deadly poison if persisted in—causing death of both soul and body. It is ruining the youth of our land and is hindering the progress of both Church and State.

It is corrupting our Legislature and government and is the father of most of the crimes of our land either directly or indirectly. When viewing it in a true light it is alarming.

We are glad to report however that the temperance people of our State are aroused, and are manifesting the greatest interest in the cause that has ever been known; consequently a mighty opposing force is rising, and a great battle is on. And inasmuch as we failed to get a law in our last Legislature which would have largely regulated the "Liquor Traffic" if enforced—shall not our churches use their influence in order that temperance men may be selected to make laws for our country. In order that we be fully equip-

ped we recommend local organization that teach individual member may feel his responsibility in this great struggle and in helping to enforce the laws we already have because laws will not prohibit unless enforced. After all it is largely in the hands of the people as well or even more than the politician. Surely then the Christian people of our State should lead and stand firm in fighting this mighty giant. Trusting and having faith in the Lord that our State may be rescued from this mighty evil.

Respectfully submitted,
N. R. TEAGUE.

This report brought a lively and interesting discussion, participated in by N. R. Teague, G. P. Harrill, Jeff Lanning, S. J. Beeker, H. Morton and John R. Miller.

The report was adopted by a hearty vote.

A report was called for in regard to history of Liberty Association. On account of press of other business, the manuscript has not all been prepared for the printer, but will be, the Lord willing, before another session of this body.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to secure financial support for the publication of the history, viz: G. P. Harrill, John R. Miller and C. M. Wall.

CHURCHES.	S. M.	F. M.	H. M.	Ed.	M. R.	Or.	M. F.	Total.
Asheboro	....	......	......	......	....	......	30	30
Abbott's Creek	4 00	......	....	5 00	4 50	8 80	1 50	23 80
Center Cross	50	50	50	50	50	50	25	3 25
Denton	......	1 96	3 50	2 00	2 00	1 39	1 23	12 08
Holloway's	......	......	......	......	.....	20 00	1 85	21 85
Jersey	.. ..	......	......	.....	......	35	2 22	2 57
Lexington	......	......	....	.....	.....	30 00	2 50	32 50
Liberty	......	4 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	10 00	1 35	21 85
Lick Creek	5 35	5 63	3 20	1 60	1 00	6 18	1 05	24 01
Mt. Lebanon	2 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	35	10 85
New Friendship	......	......	.....	......	......	......	1 50	1 50
Orphanage	.....	....	....	....	......	..	...	
Piney Grove	......	.....	......	....	......	11 57	1 75	13 32
Reed's X Roads	......	......	......	......	......	....	1 35	1 35
Rich Fork	......	......	.....	......	......	6 00	1 00	7 00
Stoner's Grove	......	....	......	1 50	1 72	3 22	1 02	7 46
Thomasville	.....	......	.....	......	......	.....	75	75
Gravel Hilll	.....	......	......	......	....	......	52	52
Taylor's Grove	1 30	2 05	50	.....	......	1 50	50	5 85
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$2.70 from Gravel Hill to finish pledges.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT S. GREEN, Jr.,
N. R. TEAGUE,
Committee.

Elder G. P. Harrill was appointed a delegate to Southern Baptist Convention. Alternate—John R. Miller.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention next December: H. Morton, Jas. Smith and N. R. Teague. Alternates—Jeff Lanning, Henry Sheets and Z. T. Sharpe.

Bro. C. M. Wall was appointed as Associational delegate to represent our Association at the meetings of the State Board, and that the churches pay his travelling expenses.

Bro. Henry Sheets offered the following for the consideration of the body:

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION.

Whereas, There is no place within the bounds of the Liberty Association, where Church or Associational records can be preserved for the benefit of the future historian; therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the churches composing the Liberty Association, take into consideration the advisability of buliding a fire proof vault at such place, as may be agreed upon at some future time, in which all our Church and Associational records together with all such historical data as may be made and recorded, can be preserved against fire or the ravages of time.

While no speeches were made, there were words of approval by all, so far as was ascertained. It is hoped that at no distant day such provision will be made. On motion, the above was adopted.

Treasurer Averitt offered the report which follows:

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT RECEIVED.

State Missions	$ 135 53
Home Missions	68 22
Foreign Missions	84 03
Educaiton	10 38
Ministerial Relief	22 47
Baptist Female University	175 64
Sunday School Missions	4 99
Minute Fund	25 66
Total	$ 526 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

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S. H. AVERITT, Treasurer.

The above report adopted.

Bro. S. H. Averitt moved that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services. Motion carried.

It was further moved and carried that the churches be asked to make the Minute fund $28.00, if needed, to print the usual amount of Minutes.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Lexington Baptist Church, having a membership of 35, have contributed during the year the following amounts:

Foreign Missions	$ 6 75
State Missions	10 25
Home Missions	6 00
Christmas Offering	1 66
Church debt	82 07
Total	$ 106 73

Report of Committee on Finance.

CHURCHES.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's R. Board.	Minute Fund.
Abbott's Creek	4 00			8 80	5 00	4 50	1 50
Asheboro							
Center Cross	50	50	50	50	50	50	25
Denton		3 50	1 96	1 39	2 00	2 00	1 23
Gravel Hill				1 20	1 50	1 00	52
Holloway's				20 00			1 85
Huldah							21
Jersey				35			2 22
Lexington				30 00			2 50
Liberty		2 00	4 00	10 00	3 00	1 50	1 35
Lick Creek	5 35	3 20	5 63	6 18	1 60	1 00	1 05
New Friendship							1 50
Orphanage							2 00
Mt. Lebanon	2 50	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	35
Pine M'g House							1 62
Piney Grove				11 57			1 75
Reed's Cross Roads							1 35
Rich Fork				6 00			1 00
Stoner's Grove				3 22	1 50	1 72	1 02
Taylor's Grove	1 30	50	2 05	1 50			50
Thomasville							75
Totals	13 65	10 70	17 14	102 71	15 10	13 22	24 52

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors of this Association, do hereby express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality extended to us by the brethren and sisters of Jersey Church during the session of the Liberty Association.

G. P. HARRILL.

The above resolution was adopted with a most hearty vote.

Thus ended a good, harmonious session of the Liberty Association. Now it remains for pastors and people to carry out the work mapped out for the year ending August, 1904. May the Lord give us grace to go far beyond what has been planned.

We must note the excellent service rendered by the choir. The young folks acquitted themselves well in the service of song, and visitors fully appreciated it.

Adjourned to meet at Pine M. House on Tuesday after third Sunday in August, 1904.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator.

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

Table of Pledges for 1903-1904.

CHURCHES.	Orphanage.	State Miss.	Education	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Ministerial Relief Bd.
Abbott's Creek	18 00	13 00	5 00	5 00	10 50	3 50
Center Cross	50	50	1 00	50	50	50
Denton	10 00	6 00	2 00	3 50	5 00	3 00
Gravel Hill	1 25	1 25	50	50	1 50	1 00
Holloway's	......	15 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	3 50
Huldah	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	......	1 00
Jackson's Creek	....	......	....	.....	......	......
Jersey	20 00	20 00	8 00	5 00	18 00	2 00
Lexington	40 00	35 00	15 00	20 00	50 00	5 00
Liberty	10 50	4 00	3 00	5 00	11 00	1 50
Lick Creek	6 00	10 00	3 00	6 00	10 00	1 50
Maple Spring	.....	......	.....	.....	.....	......
Marion	......	.....	......	.....	......	......
Mt. Lebanon	....	2 50	.....	1 00	......	1 00
New Friendship	25 00	10 00	3 00	6 00	10 00	1 00
Oak Hill	......	......	..	......	.....	.....
Orphanage	55 00	50 00	15 00	30 00	40 00	5 00
Pine M. House	15 00	12 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	2 00
Piney Grove	20 00	35 00	6 00	18 00	30 00	5 00
Pleasant Fork	......	.....	.....	......	......	.....
Reed's Cross Roads	15 00	8 00	3 00	5 00	18 00	3 00
Rich Fork	7 00	8 00	3 00	3 50	7 00	2 00
Stoner's Grove	3 50	3 50	1 50	2 50	3 50	1 50
Summersville	.....	....	......	.....	......	.....
Taylor's Grove	1 50	3 00	50	50	1 50	1 00
Thomasville	2 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00
Totals	251 25	240 75	81 50	126 00	237 50	45 00

Sunday School Statistics of Liberty Association, August, 1903.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O.	SECRETARIES AND P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Total.	Number Schools.	Number Vols. in Library.	Quart'lies and Papers Taken.	Months Kept Open.	Average Attendance.	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague, Kernersville, R.F.D.		8	69	77	1				35		
Asheboro	No report											
Center Cross	John Cole, Seagrove	M. J. Freeman, Seagrove	5	22	27			23		13		
Denton	W. B. Russell, Denton	W. T. Tysinger, Denton	7	126	133	1	100	120	12	55		19 72
Gravel Hill	W. D. Loflin, Riley's Store	E. M. Russell, Riley's Store							12	30		4 50
Holloway's	B. R. Cross, Silver Hill	H. J. Palmer, Silver Hill	5	56	61	1	75	50	12	35		5 19
Huldah	A. L Bean, Michfield	W. L. Clark, Michfield	6	62	68			52		35		1 75
Jackson's Creek	No report											
Jersey	J. D. Palmer, Linwood		8	97	105			100				11 00
Lexington	C. W. Trice, Lexington	James Smith, Lexington	24	265	289	2		300	12	187	4	104 13
Liberty	D. T. Andrews, Hannersville	S. H. Kindley, Hannersville	8	115	123	1	100	75		45		3 53
Lick Creek	J. A. Kinney, Healing Springs		12	78	90	1	100	100				23 00
Maple Springs	No report											
Marion	No report											
Mt. Lebanon	No report											
New Friendship	F. Wilson, Winston-Salem, R.F.D.			32						25		
Oak Hill	No report											
Orphanage	S. H. Averitt, Thomasville	Jas. R. Price, Thomasville	13	270	283			290	12	253	32	12 85
Pine M. House	J. H. Beck, Jubilee	H. L. Koonts, Churchland	12	149	161	2	100	165	9	100		
Piney Grove	T. S. Wall, Wallburg	C. C. Smith, Wallburg	6	70	76	1		120	12	50	9	8 00
Pleasant Fork	No report											
Reed's Cross Roads	P. A. Myers, Reed's	Miss Annie G. Craver, Reed's	6	75	81	1	50	90	12	50	3	8 00
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers, Jimes		7	48	55	1	40			35		5 40
Stoner's Grove	O. L. Stoner, Fairmont		6	50	56			174	12	40		
Summerville	No School reported											
Taylor's Grove	A. H. Michael, Chandler's	John Rogers, Versale	4	40	44			36	6	25		3 00
Thomasville	H. W. Rheinhart, Thomasville		6	50	56	1		53		25	1	5 07
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Statistical Table for the Year Ending August, 1903.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND P. O.	Added				Lost.								
		Baptisms.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Totals.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Totals.	Gain	Loss.	Males.	Females	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague, Wallburg	9	1		10	1	4	2	7	3		60	112	172
Asheboro	R. L Deaton, Asheboro											5	3	8
Center Cross	John Cole, Seagrove											7	20	27
Denton	L. A. Tysinger, Denton	5			5	2	3	2	7		2	50	53	103
Gravel Hill	E. M Russell, Riley's Store	5	1		6		1	1		4		10	20	30
Holloway's	B. R. Cross, Silver Hill	6		1	7	5		2	7			61	112	173
Huldah	Vester Moore. Michfield	1	1		2							6	14	20
Jackson's Creek	No report. Statistics last year											26	76	102
Jersey	G. W. Palmer, Linwood	11	1		12	3	1	2	6	6		67	88	155
Lexington	J. W. Noell, Lexington	5	18		23	8	16	4	28		5	72	118	190
Liberty	J. M. Easter, Eden	7		4	11	1	2		3	8		51	87	138
Lick Creek	J. A. Kinney, Healing Springs	6		1	7	1		2	3	4		59	70	129
Maple Springs	No report. Statistics last year											8	27	35
Marion	No report. Statistics last year													5
Mt. Lebanon	No report. Statistics last year											13	27	40
New Friendship	S. A. Hege, Winston-Salem				1			1			1	49	66	115
Oak Hill	No report. Statistics last year											10	17	27
Orphanage	N. B. Moore, Thomasville	32	4		36	10			10	26		78	88	166
Pine M. House	R. K Williams. Swift	22	2	3	27	8	1	4	13	14		80	131	211
Piney Grove	P. E. Whicker, Winston-Salem, R. F. D	9	4		13	1		2	3	10		34	46	80
Pleasant Fork	No report Statistics last year											8	10	18
Reed's Cross Roads	D. C. Craver, Reed's.	4			4	1	3		4			64	92	156
Rich Fork	T H. Small, Thomasville	4		2	6	4		3	7		1	34	67	101
Stoner's Grove	O L. Stoner, Fairmont.	3				3						20	25	45
Summerville	Mary Rogers, Healing Springs							1			1	7	26	33
Taylor's Grove	C. L. Bailey, Chandler's											9	14	23
Thomasville	A J. Olive, Thomasville	3	11	1	15	2			2	13		13	27	40
		132	43	12	183	50	31	26	100	88	10	896	1431	2335

Financial Table for the Year Ending August, 1903.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief Fund.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard, High Point	100 00	45 00	12 00	5 00	10 00	18 00	30 13	5 00	4 50		1 50	231 38
Asheboro	J. D. Newton, Thomasville	60 00	2 31		3 27	4 13	1 27				50 00		120 98
Center Cross	Lee W. Harris, El Dorado	20 00		50	50	50	50		50	50		25	23 25
Denton	J. M. Bennett, Churchland	75 00	18 00	5 00	3 50	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	12 00		137 50
Gravel Hill	Jeff Lanning, Denton			1 00	50	1 00	1 20		50	1 00		52	5 62
Holloway's	John R Miller, Thomasville	100 00		20 55	5 26	19 67	20 00	11 38	5 00	5 22	15 00	1 85	203 93
Huldah	Lee W. Harris, El Dorado	15 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 76			1 00	15 00	21	37 47
Jackson's Creek	No report												
Jersey	John R. Miller, Thomasville	150 00	5 00	21 92	6 78	18 30	22 72	72 01	8 00	4 00	15 00	2 22	323 73
Lexington	W. A. Smith, Lexington	550 00	137 39	25 00	15 15	43 36	35 00	107 50	15 00	5 00	27 25	2 50	960 65
Liberty	J. A. Summey, Hannersville	75 00		4 00	5 00	11 00	10 00		3 00	1 50	16 00	1 35	125 50
Lick Creek	J. M. Bennett, Churchland	75 00	15 00	5 35	3 20	5 63	6 18	3 65	1 60	1 00	15 00	1 05	132 66
Maple Springs	No report												
Marion	No report												
Mt Lebanon	No report											35	35
New Friendship	F. H. Jones, Reidsville	125 00		15 00	6 00	10 00	123 00	1 25	5 00	2 00		1 50	288 75
Oak Hill	No report												
Orphanage	G. P Harrill, Thomasville	109 09		50 00	31 49	41 10	88 10	150 89	17 52	5 00	6 97	2 00	500 16
Pine M. House	Jeff Lanning, Denton	125 00	31 00	11 00	6 00	6 00	10 00	9 00	5 00	2 00	12 00	1 62	217 00
Piney Grove	Henry Sheets, Lexington	100 00	15 00	30 00	17 50	35 00	20 00	81 10	6 00	5 00	16 00	1 75	325 60
Pleasant Fork	No report												
Reed's Cross Roads	John R. Miller, Thomasville	100 00	13 00	12 70	5 00	18 00	19 70	20 81	3 00	3 00	8 50	1 35	203 71
Rich Fork	John R. Miller, Thomasville	80 00	50 00	10 55	6 33	10 86	6 00	5 00	2 99	2 52	2 00	1 00	176 25
Stoner's Grove	Jeff Lanning, Denton	60 00	17 55	3 50	2 50	3 50	3 22	5 00	1 50	1 72		1 02	99 51
Summerville	L. G. Lewis, Riley's Store		10 00			1 00	1 00						12 00
Taylor's Grove	Jeff Lanning, Denton	65 00		2 00	50	2 05	1 50	1 00			52 00	50	124 05
Thomasville	G. P. Harrill, Thomasville	75 00	5 37	4 50	1 20	2 81	5 19		2 00	1 00	99 03	75	196 85
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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-First Annual Session

OF

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

PINE MEETING HOUSE CHURCH,

HELD

AUGUST 23D, 24TH AND 25TH, 1904.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

MODERATOR: James Smith Lexington, N. C.

CLERK: Henry Sheets, Lexington, N. C.

TREASURER: S. H. Averitt, Thomasville, N. C.

PLACE, TIME AND PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION:

The next session of Liberty Association will convene with the church at New Friendship, Forsythe county, four miles south of Winston-Salem, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August 1905, Elder John R. Miller to preach the introductory sermon; Elder John A. Summey, alternate.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, AUGUST, 1904.

Adderton, W. S	Denton, N. C.
Boone, J. B	Thomasville, N. C.
Harrill, George P	Thomasville, N. C
Lanning, Jeff	Denton, N. C.
Leach, M. J	Lassiter, N. C.
Miller, John R	Thomasville, N. C.
Morton, H	Thomasville, N. C.
Newton, J. D	Thomasville, N. C.
Sheets, Henry	Lexington, N. C.
Smith, W. A	Lexington, N. C.
Stoker, Ambrose P	Denton, N C.
Summey, John A	Hannersville, N. C

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

R. S. Green, Jr., James Smith, William Bowers,
W. C. Roach, C. M. Wall.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pine Meeting House Baptist Church,
August 23, 1904.

Liberty Baptist Association met to-day with this church in its seventy-first annual session. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Geo. P. Harrill from Hebrews iv:6.

Intermission for Dinner.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Moderator called the body to order and Elder J. S. Farmer read the Scriptures and led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed Elders J. D. Newton and W. A. Smith as Reading Clerks.

The letters were handed in and names of Messengers enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—N. R. Teague.
Asheboro—Not represented.
Center Cross—By letter.
Denton—W. B. Thompson.
Gravel Hill—W. D. Loflin and E. M. Russell.
Holloway's—J. F. Carrick, B. R. Cross and J. A. Carrick.
Huldah—Not represented.
Jackson's Creek—Not represented.
Jersey—W. F. Miller, W. C. Roach and Geo. W. Palmer.
Lexington—Oscar Sink and G. F. Hankins.
Liberty—J. M. Easter and L. E. Hepler.
Lick Creek—P. M. Snider, Clay Rush and John W. Cole.
Maple Springs—Not reported.
Marion—By letter.
Mt. Lebanon—M. J. Leach.
New Friendship—A. P. Snider.
Oak Hill—By letter.
Orphanage—George P. Harrill, Archibald Johnson and S. H. Averitt.
Pine Meeting House—S. E. Simeson, W. H. Barnes and R. H. Lomax.
Piney Grove—George W. Wall, J. Ezra Motsinger and E. L. Green.
Reed's Cross Roads—E. E. Jenkins, C. A. Snider and J. L. Myers.
Rich Fork—R. S. Green, Jr., and William Bowers.
Stoner's Grove—B. F. Roach and L. C. Lomax.

Summerville—Not represented.
Taylor's Grove—John Rodgers.
Thomasville—W. G. Fitzgerald.

After enrollment of Messengers, the body proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the re-election of the present officers, viz.: Moderator, James Smith; Clerk, Henry Sheets; Treasurer, S. H. Averitt.

INVITATIONS TO VISITING BRETHREN.

The following brethren reported and were welcomed to seats in the body: Elder Hight C. Moore, Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Elder J. S. Farmer, of the *Biblical Recorder;* Elder S F. Conrad, of the *North Carolina Baptist;* Elder W. H. Rich, pastor of First Baptist church, Salisbury. Prof. E. L. Green, Principal of Liberty Association High School, was recognized.

The following named brethren were appointed on Order of Business: W. A. Smith, John R. Miller and R. S. Green, Jr.

The following report was handed in:

ORDER OF BUSINESS—WEDNESDAY.

Religious exercises, 9:30 to 10.
State Missions, 10 to 11.
Sunday Schools, 11 to 11:30.
Foreign Missions, 11:30 to 12:30.
Orphanage, 2:30 to 3:15.
Temperance, 3:15 to 4:00.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises, 9:30 to 10:10.
Ministers' Relief, 10:00 to 10:45.
Home Missions, 10:45 to 11:30.
Obituaries, 11:30 to 12:00.
Miscellaneous, 12:00.

The report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed as a Committee on Finance, viz.: G. W. Wall and John W. Cole.

Elder Henry Sheets read the following

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The importance of reading good literature can hardly be estimated. Our people become well informed and efficient in the Lord's work in proportion as they read wisely. As Baptists, claiming what we do, we can afford least of all people, to not be informed. The Bible and Baptist periodicals are our main source of information. To North Carolina Baptists, the *Biblical*

Recorder, being the acknowledged organ of the denomination, appeals most strongly to each and every Baptist home in the State. It has always been true to Bible doctrine and has stood in the forefront of every aggressive movement for the right of our people and the upbuilding of our denominational interests.

The *North Carolina Baptist*, known to all our people, is a live, wide-awake paper. It too, stands for all our denominational interests. For ten years or more, it has been a recognized force in North Carolina, standing for the abolition of the liquor traffic everywhere. Its coming will prove a blessing to any home.

Charity and Children fills its own place. No other paper could do its work. To read it carefully is to keep well posted as to every phase of our Orphanage work. Our children need it. We all need it. Be wise, subscribe for it, then read it

The *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, will keep our people well informed as to our foreign mission work. Take it.

Our Home Field, the organ of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. This tells all about our home mission work. Nearly ever Baptist could take and read all these. Know your duty and do it.

HENRY SHEETS,
C. M. WALL.

This report was discussed by Brethren J. S. Farmer, for the *Biblical Recorder;* S. F. Conrad, for the *North Carolina Baptist*, and G. P. Harrill spoke on the importance of reading religious literature, in a general way.

The report was then adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9:30.

Benediction by Elder Hight C. Moore.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24TH.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder Hight C. Moore.

At 10:00 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

After some routine work, Elder W. A. Smith read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We note with gratitude to God the steady and substantial progress of our State Mission work. We now have 103 missionaries working in thirty-five of the fifty-nine Associations in the State. Two thousand, two hundred and fifty-eight members were received into our mission churches last year; one thousand, two hundred and seventeen of whom were received by baptism. $6,809.68 more was raised on mission fields last year for the support of the objects of the Convention than in the preceding year.

We heartily endorse the State Mission Board and its work, and recommend to our churches that they give to same their liberal support.

We desire especially to express our satisfaction at the management of the Sunday School department of the Board's work. We believe the hand of God was in the selection of the scholarly and consecrated Hight C. Moore to prosecute this important work. We are also pleased to observe that, from present prospects, this part of the work will be self sustaining.

$26,302.80 was the amount contributed to State Missions last year. There was raised on mission fields, for all objects, last year $34,769. Our

Association receives more money from the State Mission Board than it puts into its treasury. This ought to incite us to go forward in State Missions that we may have a part in this work beyond our own bounds.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. SMITH,
W. C. BARNES

After the reading of the above report, Elder Hight C. Moore read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the church engaged in studying and teaching the Scriptures. It is a popular and powerful agency for the dissemination of truth, the winning of souls, and the training of christians; in short, it is set for the betterment of humanity and the glory of God. Operating under the authority of Scripture and at a strategic point in the life and activity of the churches it is entitled to the endorsement, the sympathy, and the hearty co-operation of all servants of God everywhere.

In North Carolina the Baptists have a few more than 1,300 Sunday Schools, with about 9,000 officers and teachers and a total enrolment of 96,000. A fine army, and yet we have 1,792 churches with a membership of more than 182,000. So we need more and larger Sunday Schools; and certainly the present Sunday School condition needs improvement in material equipment, teacher-training, general efficiency and accomplishment. To this task we as a denomination have set our hands afresh and there are indications of a revival of interest in the teaching work of our churches. In our own Association there are evidences of Sunday School progress, the figures in the church letters being more encouraging than those of last year.

As a further incentive to renewed endeavor in this work during the coming year we beg to recommend:

1. That our fifth Sunday meeting in the Spring be devoted to a consideration of Sunday School topics.
2. That a committee of three be appointed who shall stimulate Sunday School work in the Association in every way possible, especially by organizing schools, extending the terms of schools not evergreen, arranging for rallies and institutes, seeing that every school is reported to the Association; this committee to present a report of its work at our next session.
3. That we endorse the forward Sunday School movement inaugurated by our State Convention and that we urge all our Sunday Schools to make at least one offering during the year for our Baptist Sunday School work in North Carolina.

HIGHT C. MOORE,
P. M. SNIDER.

These excellent reports were spoken to by W. A. Smith, Hight C. Moore, W. H. Rich and S. F. Conrad.

After interesting speeches on the above reports had been made, the reports were heartily adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

Benediction by Hight C. Moore.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 24TH.

The Association re-assembled. Led in prayer by W. A. Smith.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee, as recommended in the Sunday school report above, to look after the Sunday school work in the Liberty Association, viz.: Archibald Johnson, W. A. Smith and G. P. Harrill.

Elder G. P. Harrill read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized at Augusta, Ga., there was appointed a committee, known as the Foreign Mission Board, to advise, direct, and collect funds for carrying on the work of missions in foreign countries. This committee, elected by the messengers we send to the Southern Baptist Convention, consists at present of twenty one members, with headquarters at Richmond, Virginia.

We are now carrying on mission work in seven foreign countries. The work was begun in China during the first year of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention by the appointment of J. L. Shuck as missionary. Five years later, in 1850, the work was begun in Africa by T. J. Bowen. This was the first work done by appointment of the Board in Africa, but the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., had sent two colored missionaries there as early as 1820. J. Q. Rohrer and wife were appointed missionaries to Japan in 1860, and began the work that moved so slowly for a while, but is now, even during the fierce struggle between Japan and Russia, prospering gloriously. Italy was the first Roman Catholic country to which we have sent missionaries. The work was begun there in 1870 by the appointment of W. N. Cote, who was both preacher and doctor. The next Roman Catholic country to be entered by our missionaries was Mexico. This was done by sending J. O. Westrup, William Flo rney and W. D. Powell in 1880. There had been an attempt to begin work in Brazil before 1882, but it was in this year that the work was permanently begun by W. B. Bagby. Last September, 1903, work was begun in the Argentine Republic by S. M. Sowell. Persia as a mission field has been in the minds of some brethren for quite a number of years, but so far the members of the Board do not think it wise to begin the work there.

The past year has been a very successful one, so far as we can judge, in Foreign Mission work, there being over two thousand baptized by our missionaries—280 more than were baptized the previous year.

Since the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Nashville last May, voted to try to increase the contributions to Foreign Missions twenty-five per cent. your committee recommend that we try to raise the contributions of the Liberty Association to a corresponding increase,

Respectfully submitted, G. P. Harrill.

The report was spoken to by G. P. Harrill and W. H. Rich.

The following resolution, supplementary to the above report, was read by Bro. Archibald Johnson:

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Liberty Association have been greatly helpful in increasing our contributions and in strengthening the mission spirit. We urge our sisters in the churches without a Woman's Missionary Society to organize as soon as possible, pledging the moral support of the Association to every such organization.

As further supplementary, J. D. Newton offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the Messengers of the Liberty Association, will contribute of our means for the building of the Yates Memorial College in

China, and that we will urge upon our brethren and sisters of our churches to do likewise.

The report was then adopted.

The Moderator was at this time informed of the presence of Elder N. S. Jones, representing the College for Women at Raleigh, and Bro. James A. Reid, of the South Yadkin Association, who were recognized and invited to seats with us.

Brother R. S. Green, Jr., read the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The work of the Baptist people is largely a work of education. Our cause is mainly dependent on the mental, moral and spiritual training of our people, and especially is this so of the ministry. Public schools are and of necessity must continue to be the base of our education. Hence we advocate a liberal support and patronage of the same. A better equipped body of teachers is demanded. We heartily favor the work of all our schools for higher education. We feel proud of our schools in this Association, especially so of our school at Wallburg. With her past success to encourage us, we feel sure with a new music teacher and dormitory this school will press onward to much usefulness. We should not be satisfied short of the very best equipped ministry; hence every opportunity should be given our young men to prepare themselves for their work. This should be given freely for the cause's sake and for the upbuilding of our Master's kingdom on earth. Let our aim and purpose be to give our children the very best opportunity to prepare themselves for life's work. God grant that the Baptists may ever be in the forefront in education here in North Carolina.

R. S. Green, Jr.,
R. K. Williams.

This able and interesting report was discussed by N. S. Jones, R. S. Green, Jr., Prof. E. L. Green, J. M. Bennett and W. A. Smith, after which pledges were taken and the report adopted.

Elder S. F. Conrad read for the committee the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Twenty-three years ago the question of Prohibition was submitted to and voted upon by the whole State. Only one county at that time gave a majority for the measure. Since that time there has been a very great growth in temperance sentiment, and a large number of the largest counties have abolished the licensed sale of liquor. Among these we mention the great counties of Cleveland, Cabarrus, Gaston, Union, Robeson, Rutherford, Sampson, Cumberland, Pender, Onslow, Duplin, Harnett, Scotland, Columbus and Chatham. Under the recent laws of the State more than two-thirds of the entire State have become Prohibition counties. Many of the largest towns, by a vote of the people, have voted out the saloons. We mention among these Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Goldsboro, Newbern, Wadesboro and Statesville, while Raleigh, Wilson, Greenville and Kinston have adopted dispensaries as the lesser evil.

We are glad to note that this great reformation is due to the attitude of the Christian people and the growth of the temperance sentiment in the State. The evils of the liquor traffic are becoming better understood, and its demoralizing and destructive work has become so manifest that the people are seeing and feeling the necessity of outlawing the business as fraught with such general harm to the public as to be entirely suppressed. Nineteen gallons of intoxicants are consumed annually for every man, woman and child in the nation. Eighty thousand of our citizenship are destroyed annually by the business, and one out of every five of the young men of our land are drafted in every year to fill up the depleted army of dram-drinkers and drunkards. Seventy-five per cent. of the orphans in our asylums are there from liquor. Seventy-five per cent. of the convicts in our penitentiaries are there from liquor, and from 85 to 90 per cent. of all the crime before the criminal courts is from liquor. We believe it would be wise to abolish it from the whole State, and we therefore recommend to our people to use their endeavors to have such a constitutional amendment submitted to the people of the State. We also urge our people to withhold their suffrages from men who are the avowed advocates of the liquor traffic.

John A. Summey.
John A. Carrick.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Bro. Conrad only spoke in support of this able and important report. It was then adopted.

The committee to name the Executive Board reported the following named brethren: R. S. Green, Jr., James Smith, William Bowers, W. C. Roach and C. M. Wall.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next session recommended New Friendship as the place and Elder John R. Miller as the preacher; alternate, Elder John A. Summey.

The following resolution was introduced by Elder J. D. Newton:

Resolved, That we, the Messengers of the Liberty Association, will contribute of our means for the building of the Yates Memorial College in China, and that we will urge upon our brethren and sisters of our churches to do likewise.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, August 25th.

Religious exercises were conducted by W. A. Smith.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a committee to name the Trustees of Liberty Association High School, located at Wallburg, viz.: J. A. Summey, G. P. Harrill and Henry Sheets.

The committees named below are to write reports on the subjects to which their names are attached for next year:

On State Missions—G. P. Harrill and P. M. Snider.
On Home Missions—John R. Miller and R. S. Green, Jr.
On Foreign Missions—W. A. Smith and George W. Wall.
On Periodicals—John A. Summey and S. A. Hege.
On Education—E. L. Green and William Bowers.
On Orphanage—S. H. Averitt and A. R. Craver.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Barnes and G. W. Palmer.
On Ministers' Relief—Jeff. Lanning and John A. Carrick.
On Temperance—J. D. Newton and Oscar Bowers.
On Obituaries—J. M. Bennett and J. L. Myers.

The committee appointed to recommend names of Trustees for our High School, on behalf of the Association recommended the following named brethren: W. A. Smith, R. S. Green, Jr., Archibald Johnson and P. M. Snider.

N. R. Teague read the

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

While all the objects of our Convention are of great importance, there is none more worthy than that of caring for the old and worn-out ministers, who have labored at a very small salary, making it impossible to lay up for old age. While some may receive help who are not worthy, yet for the sake of the faithful, or rather for the sake of Him who has said that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel.—I Cor. ix:14. So, then, shall not our churches contribute liberally for this object?

N. R. TEAGUE.

The report was discussed by N. R. Teague, W. A. Smith, G. P. Harrill and John A. Summey.

Pledges were then taken for the support of this board, after which it was adopted.

John R. Miller read the

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

OUR AUTHORITY FOR ORPHANAGE WORK.

The day has passed in North Carolina when it is necessary for us to discuss the authority we have in the Scriptures for orphanage work. Although denominational orphanages are of recent origin, yet the principles upon which they are founded—that of ministering to the needs of the fatherless—are as old as the teachings of Jesus. And we are forced to conclude that Christians in all ages of the world, as individuals, in a greater or less degree, have tried to live up to the teachings of our Lord in visiting the fatherless and widows in their afflictions.

ORGANIZATION.

But not until late in the nineteenth century did we get hold of the idea of co operation by which we might more effectually carry out and obey the teachings of our Master. The modern orphanage, then, is an institution through which Christian people put their hearts and hands together, that by combined effort they may have greater strength to do this part of the Lord's work.

GROWTH.

The growth of orphanage work has been wonderful: perhaps no other department of Christian effort has made greater advancement during the last two decades. The growth of our own institution, the orphanage at Thomasville, should be a joy and inspiration to us all. Now with eight dormitory buildings, which accommodate about three hundred children, another under course of construction, and perhaps another new building to be added and one of the old ones to be remodeled and enlarged, is the prospect for the coming year. Besides this, almost enough money has been given to build a common dining hall and a library. We can not but recognize that God is moving His people to provide homes for the homeless.

GREATER GIFTS NEEDED.

Now, the burden to feed and clothe these children rests upon the Baptists of North Carolina. There must be increased gifts in proportion to the increased needs of our orphanage. Possibly before we meet again in this Association there will be four hundred children in our orphanage at Thomasville. Brethren! they are our children; God has given them into our care; they are to us as representatives of Jesus Christ, to whom we can give food, clothing and care, and have the blessed assurance that in so doing we are ministering unto Him. (Matt. xxv:40).

PRAYER.

We should also pray for our orphanage; just as we pray for ourselves and our own children we should pray for these children and those who care for them. When we give to State, Home and Foreign Missions we need to accompany our gifts with our prayers that God's blessings may rest upon them. Then let us not forget to remember the Orphanage in our prayers, that God will bless both the givers and the given, and that His name may be glorified in all our efforts for the advancement of His kingdom. JOHN R MILLER.

John R. Miller and Archibald Johnson spoke ably to this fine report. Then the largest pledge ever made by the Association to this work was then made. It is hoped that the Liberty Association will continue to go forward in behalf of this great work.

The following report was read by Bro. Archibald Johnson for Pastor Lanning, who was detained at home on account of sickness in his family:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our object in Home Missions is to give the Gospel to destitute sections of the Southern States that can not be reached by State Foreign Missions. Our own State has been receiving help from the Home Board for many years. We deem no object more important and more worthy of our support than Home Missions. The truth, as we hold it, has been established in many of our Southern cities, and many strong churches have been built as a result of the work of this Board that are doing much to spread the kingdom of God all over the world. We may look more especially to the Home Board than to any other for the maintenance and propagation of the true doctrines of the Gospel This Board lays strong claims upon us, and there is every reason why we should increase our contribution and give it our hearty support.

Within the bounds of the Home field there are over 12,000,000 unconverted souls, and this number will grow larger every year because of immigration into this section of our country. The field is large, the work is abundant and exceedingly important. We therefore recommend enlargement in our pledges to Home Missions. JEFF. LANNING.

After speeches by Archibald Johnson and John R. Miller, pledges were taken for next year's work and the report was adopted.

Pastor George P. Harrill suggested that the body now offer prayer for Bro. Lanning and family on account of sickness which kept him away. Pastor John R. Miller led in prayer.

As no written report on obituaries was submitted, pastors and others reported the following who had died since our last session, viz.: C. C. Carrick, George W. Miller, Sr., Elder N. B. Orrell and James N. Conrad.

The committee to solicit funds for the publication of the History of Liberty Association and to arrange for its publication, consisting of George P. Harrill, John R. Miller and C. M. Wall, was continued from last year; and it is expected that the book will be ready for delivery before the end of the year.

Delegates were appointed:

To the Southern Baptist Convention—Archibald Johnson; alternate, John R. Miller.

To the Baptist State Convention—C. M. Wall, Z. T. Sharpe, John R. Miller, J. B. Boone, Jesse L. Myers and Henry Sheets.

Associational representative of the Board of State Missions—C. M. Wall, with his expenses paid for one trip to Raleigh.

It was reported that probably next year a fireproof building would be begun at our Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

The resolution which follows was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report at our next session on the state of the churches.

The following named brethren are appointed, viz.: J. D. Newton, John A. Summey and Henry Sheets.

Bro. Archibald Johnson offered the resolution which follows:

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Liberty Association have been greatly helpful in increasing our contributions and in strengthening the mission spirit. We urge our sisters in the churches without a Woman's Missionary Society to organize as soon as possible, pledging the moral support of the Association to every such organization.

The earnest desire was expressed that all of our churches have such a society. Those formed are doing a great work.

The following report was read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1903 AND 1904.

RECEIPTS.

State Missions—		
From Finance Committee	$ 13 65	
Liberty Union	10 49	
From Churches	89 07	
Total		$113 21
Foreign Missions—		
From Finance Committee	17 14	
From Liberty Union	8 24	
From Churches	63 50	
Total		88 88
Home Missions—		
From Finance Committee	10 70	
From Liberty Union	8 24	
From Churches	41 31	
Total		60 25
Education—		
From Finance Committee	15 10	
From Liberty Union	10 49	
From Churches	46 51	
Total		72 10
Ministerial Relief—		
From Finance Committee	13 22	
From Liberty Union	3 00	
From Churches	9 24	
Total		25 46
Minute Fund—		
From Finance Committee	20 69	
From Churches	3 62	
Total		24 31
Total for all objects		384 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

State Missions—		
Paid to Watters Durham, Treas.	$106 94	
Paid to Rev. L. Johnson, Sec'y.	6 27	
Total		$113 21
Foreign Missions—		
Paid to Watters Durham, Treas.		88 88
Home Missions—		
Paid to Watters Durham, Treas.		60 25
Education—		
Paid to Watters Durham, Treas.	45 10	
Paid to Rev. R. T. Vann	27 00	
Total		72 10
Ministerial Relief—		
Paid to Watters Durham, Treas.		25 46
Minute Fund—		
Paid to Rev. Henry Sheets, Clerk.		24 31
Total for all objects		384 21

S. H. AVERITT, Treasurer.

The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes. On motion, he was allowed $10.00 for the service.

The following was offered by George P. Harrill:

We, the delegates and visitors to the Liberty Association, desire to express our gratitude to the Pine Meeting House brethren, sisters and others in the community for their kind hospitality during the session of the Association.

A hearty vote expressed the thanks of all who attended.

Two Woman's Missionary Societies have reported:

Lexington—Miss Roxie Sheets, President, Lexington, N. C., with an enrollment of 33 members. This active, energetic body of women has contributed to various objects during the year just closed the neat sum of $92.60.

Thomasville—Mrs. G. P. Harrill, President, Thomasville, N. C. This young society reports a membership of 30, and though but a few months old, its vigor is indicated in its gifts, amounting to $42.70. Well done.

May these active societies be an inspiration to the women in other churches to go and do likewise.

Thomasville reports a Sunbeam Society, Miss Lettie Green, President, Thomasville, N. C. It has a membership of 53, and has contributed in a few months $6.98.

Lexington has a Sunbeam Society with 30 members, Miss Alma Owen, President, Lexington, N. C. This body of young folks has contributed this year $24.00.

Lexington has just organized a Baptist Young People's Union. Bro. B. F. Ausband is president. This union has enrolled a membership of 37.

Thus closed one of the best sessions of the Liberty Association. While some of our churches did not report, there are evident signs of a spirit to go on to a greater and nobler work. The Holy Spirit was with us during this session.

On motion, adjourned to meet at New Friendship on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, 1905.

Prayer by Henry Sheets.

HENRY SHEETS,
Clerk.

JAMES SMITH,
Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' R. Fund.	Minute Fund.
Abbott's Creek	......	......	......	......	$5 00	......	$2 30
Asheboro	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Center Cross	$0 50	$0 50	$0 50	$1 00	50	$0 50	15
Denton	1 00	3 50	......	4 91	2 00	3 00	1 22
Gravel Hill	......	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Holloway's	60	......	......	7 80	1 17	70	2 00
Huldah	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Jackson's Creek	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Jersey	......	......	......	......	......	......	3 07
Lexington	......	......	......	......	......	......	3 00
Liberty	......	5 00	1 00	10 50	3 00	1 50	71
Lick Creek	8 00	4 80	8 00	......	2 40	1 20	1 31
Maple Springs	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Marion	......	......	......	......	......	......	20
Mt. Lebanon	2 50	1 00	4 00	1 25	......	1 00	30
New Friendship	......	......	......	......	......	......	1 50
Oak Hill	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	......	......	25
Orphanage	......	......	......	......	......	......	2 00
Pine M. House	......	......	......	......	......	......	2 00
Piney Grove	......	......	......	......	......	......	2 00
Reed's Cross Roads	......	......	......	......	......	......	2 28
Rich Fork	......	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Stoner's Grove	......	......	......	4 56	......	1 50	75
Summerville	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Taylor's Grove	......	......	......	......	......	......	50
Thomasville	......	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Public collection Minute Fund	......	......	......	......	......	......	2 88
Totals	13 60	15 80	14 50	31 02	14 07	9 40	31 42

Respectfully submitted.

George W. Wall,
John W. Cole.

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR 1904-1905.

CHURCHES.	Orphanage.	State Miss.	Home Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Ministerial Relief B'd.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	$18 00	$13 00	$5 00	$11 00	$5 00	$4 00	$56 00
Center Cross	50	50	50	50	1 00	50	3 50
Denton	12 00	6 00	3 50	5 00	2 00	3 50	32 00
Gravel Hill	6 00	2 50	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 50	18 00
Holloway's	20 00	16 00	5 00	12 00	5 00	3 50	61 50
Huldah	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00
Jackson's Creek	2 00	......	1 00	......	......	1 00	4 00
Jersey	21 00	20 00	5 50	19 00	8 00	2 50	76 00
Lexington	60 00	45 00	25 00	62 50	15 00	5 00	212 50
Liberty	12 50	5 00	5 00	11 00	3 00	2 00	38 50
Lick Creek	15 00	10 00	6 00	10 00	3 00	1 50	45 50
Maple Spring	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Marion	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mt. Lebanon	2 50	2 50	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
New Friendship	30 00	11 00	6 00	10 00	3 00	1 50	61 50
Oak Hill	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	......	50	7 50
Orphanage	100 00	50 00	30 00	40 00	20 00	5 00	245 00
Pine M. House	20 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	57 00
Piney Grove	25 00	35 00	18 00	35 00	6 50	5 00	124 50
Reed's Cross Roads	20 00	10 00	5 00	20 00	3 00	3 00	61 00
Rich Fork	8 00	9 00	3 50	9 00	3 00	2 00	34 50
Stoner's Grove	4 50	4 00	2 75	3 50	1 50	75	17 00
Summersville	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Taylor's Grove	1 50	3 00	50	1 50	50	1 00	8 00
Thomasville	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	24 00
Totals	387 50	266 50	138 25	274 00	88 50	49 75	1204 50

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, AUGUST, 1904.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O.	SECRETARIES AND P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Total.	No. Schools.	No. Volumes in Library.	Quart'rlies and Papers Taken.	Mos. kept op'n.	Average Attendance.	Bap from sch'l.	School Expenses.
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague, Kernersville, R. F. D. 1	W. D. Spurgeon, High Point, R. F. D. 1	6	60	66	1		75	12	30		$18 00
Asheboro	Not reported											
Center Cross	John Cole, Seagrove	Mary J. Freeman, Seagrove	3	16	19	1		18	3	12		1 44
Denton	L. A. Tysinger, Denton		7	117	124	1	80					20 15
Gravel Hill	W. D. Loflin, Riley's Store	E. M. Russell, Riley's Store	3	25	28	1		40	12	20	2	4 00
Holloway's	B. R. Cross, Silver Hill	H. J. Palmer, Silver Hill	7	50	57	1	75	50	12	35	2	5 00
Huldah	Not reported											
Jackson's Creek	Not reported											
Jersey	J. D. Palmer, Linwood	Ray Sharp, Linwood	7	92	99	1		92	12			
Lexington	J. W. Noell, Lexington	James Smith, Lexington	30			3		403	12	249	26	138 32
Liberty	Not reported											
Lick Creek	J. A. Kinney, Healing Springs		10	90	100	1		100	12			6 00
Maple Springs	Not reported											
Marion	Not reported											
Mt. Lebanon	Not reported											
New Friendship	Officers not reported		4	47	51	1			8			4 00
Oak Hill	M. F. Underwood, Trinity		6	40	46			40		20		
Orphanage	S. H. Averitt, Thomasville	Augustus Wasdon, Thomasville	13	330	343			330	12	295	16	
Pine M. House	J. H. Beck, Jubilee, R. F. D.		12	120	132	2	80	140		85	3	11 78
Piney Grove	E. L. Green, Wallburg	R. L. Wall, Wallburg	7	75	82	1		100	12	50		20 00
Reed's Cross R'ads	D. C. Craver, Lexington, R. F. D.	Miss Josie Fritts, Lexington, R. F. D.	9	82	91	1	50	90	12	50	4	3 90
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers, Lake		7	60	67			80		35		6 00
Stoner's Grove	Chas. Wren, Linwood	B. F. Roach Linwood	6	51	57	1		38	12	35		2 48
Summerville	Not reported											
Taylor's Grove	A. H. Michael, Chandler	H. J. Bailey, Chandler	5	63	68	1		47	6	37		2 02
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart, Thomasville	Miss Cora Morton, Thomasville	6	52	58	1		79	12	34		14 54
			148	1370	1518	18	285	1722		987	53	251 63

STATISTICAL TABLE OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1904.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND P. O.	ADDED.				LOST.								
		Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Totals.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Totals.	Gain.	Lost.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Abbott's Creek	C. H. Teague, Wallburg	5			5			2		3		56	113	169
Asheboro														
Center Cross	John Cole, Seagrove						9		9			2	15	17
Denton	L. A. Tysinger, Denton		1		1	2	3	2	7		6	47	53	100
Gravel Hill	E. M. Russell, Riley's Store	4	2		6	2			2	4		11	22	33
Holloway's	Berry R. Cross, Silver Hill	3			3	4			4		1	59	114	173
Huldah														
Jackson's Creek														
Jersey	G. W. Palmer, Linwood	6	4		10	2		2	4	6		66	93	159
Lexington	J. W. Noell, Lexington	28	7	1	36	6	4	1	11	25		81	136	217
Liberty	J. M. Easter, Thomasville, R. F. D	5	1	1	7	3	1	1	5	2		60	101	161
Lick Creek	J. A. Kinney, Healing Springs		1		1	4	6	1	11		10	54	66	120
Maple Springs														
Marion	R S. Green, Lexington													5
Mt Lebanon	J. D. Welch, Pisgah					3			3		3	11	26	37
New Friendship	S A. Hege, Winston-Salem	13	1		14		1		1	13		55	73	128
Oak Hill	M F. Underwood, Trinity											14	9	23
Orphanage	N. B. Moore, Thomasville	16	4		20	13			13	7		82	91	173
Pine Meeting House	R. K. Williams, Jubilee, R. F. D	6	2		8	5	1	2	8			81	125	206
Piney Grove	J Ezra Mottinger, Wallburg		2		2	7			7		5	33	41	74
Reed's Cross Roads	A. R. Craver, Lexington, R. F. D	4			4	1		2	3	1		62	98	160
Rich Fork	T. H. Small, Thomasville	10			10	2		1	3	7		38	70	108
Stoner's Grove	O. L. Stoner, Linwood											22	27	49
Summerville														
Taylor's Grove	C. L. Bailey, Chandler					2			2		2	8	13	21
Thomasville	A. J. Olive, Thomasville		19		19	5		2	7	12		19	33	52
		100	44	2	146	61	25	16	100	100	27	861	1319	2185

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1904.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND P. O.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief Fund.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	J. M. Hilliard, High Point...	$100 00	$25 30	$13 00	$5 00	$10 50	$20 26	......	$5 00	$3 50	$20 75	$2 30	$205 61
Ashboro...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Center Cross....	Lee W. Harris, El Dorado...	20 00	......	50	50	50	1 00	....	50	.....	.... .	15	23 15
Denton.........	J. M. Bennett. Churchland...	75 00	26 55	6 00	3 50	5 00	7 26	.....	2 00	3 00	... .	1 22	129 53
Gravel Hill......	Henry Sheets, Lexington. ..	50 00	......	2 56	2 90	6 05	5 00	......	1 20	1 00	20 00	1 00	89 66
Holloway's.....	John R Miller, Thomasville..	100 00	....	15 00	......	16 40	20 00	......	5 00	3 50	28 00	2 00	190 90
Huldah.........	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jackson's Creek..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jersey....	John R. Miller, Thomasville .	150 00	15 00	20 00	5 23	18 67	20 00	.....	8 00	2 26	16 00	3 07	258 16
Lexington......	W. A Smith, Lexington.....	800 00	124 33	48 25	29 50	64 50	40 00	$30 00	15 00	5 00	760 12	3 00	1919 70
Liberty.........	J. A. Summey, Hannersville .	75 00	. . .	4 00	5 00	11 00	10 50	......	3 00	1 50	15 76	71	126 47
Lick Creek......	J. M. Bennett, Churchland...	75 00	4 00	8 00	4 80	8 00	5 25	......	2 40	1 20	12 00	1 31	121 96
Maple Springs...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marion..........	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...
Mt. Lebanon....	No Pastor	....	10 00	2 25	1 00	4 00	2 25	......	......	1 00	....	30	20 80
New Friendship.	F. H Jones, Reidsville. ...	100 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	139 62	......	3 00	2 00	.....	1 50	273 62
Oak Hill	J. D. Newton, Thomasville...	30 00	46 00	......	......	....	......	.....	.....	.....	....	25	76 00
Orphanage......	Geo. P. Harrill, Thomasville..	112 45	......	50 00	32 74	54 51	125 79	35 00	4 51	6 24	8 55	2 00	431 79
Pine M. House..	Jeff. Lanning, Denton..	125 00	15 00	14 64	6 27	6 00	15 00	....	5 00	3 00	52 50	2 00	243 91
Piney Grove. ..	Henry Sheets, Lexington.....	100 00	15 00	35 00	18 00	30 00	21 88	.....	6 00	5 00	75 00	2 00	307 88
Reed's X Roads.	J. R. Miller. Thomasville.....	100 00	26 17	10 79	5 10	20 50	16 20	2 64	3 00	3 00	... ...	2 28	189 68
Rich Fork.......	J. R. Miller, Thomasville ...	80 00	2 35	9 34	3 44	8 00	8 00	......	2 75	2 00	....	1 00	116 88
Stoner's Grove..	Jeff. Lanning, Denton..	60 00	....	4 00	2 73	3 50	4 50	.....	1 50	1 50	....	75	78 48
Summerville ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taylor's Grove.	Jeff. Lanning, Denton........	85 00	....	3 00	50	1 62	1 60	......	50	1 00	26 00	50	119 22
Thomasville.....	Geo. P. Harrill, Thomasville	100 00	34 76	36 94	18 35	16 75	8 58	7 77	1 31	2 17	....	1 00	226 63
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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Session

OF

Liberty Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

New Friendship Church,

August 22d, 23rd, and 24th, 1905.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator: James Smith, Lexington, N. C.
Clerk: Henry Sheets, Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer: S. H. Averitt, Thomasville, N. C.

PLACE, TIME AND PREACHER OF INTRODUCTORY SERMON FOR THE SESSION 1906.

The session for next year will be held with the church at Thomasville, N. C., on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, 1906. Elder W. A. Smith to preach the sermon; Elder F. H. Jones, alternate.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, AUGUST, 1904.

Adderton, W. S.	Denton, N. C.
Boone, J. B.	Thomasville, N. C.
Harrill, George P.	Thomasville, N. C.
Lanning, Jeff	Denton, N. C.
Leach, M. J.	Lassiter, N. C.
Miller, John R.	Thomasville, N. C.
Morton, H.	Thomasville, N. C.
Newton, J. D.	Thomasville, N. C.
Sheets, Henry	Lexington, N. C.
Smith, W. A.	Lexington, N. C.
Stoker, Ambrose P.	Denton, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

R. S. GREEN, Jr. JAMES SMITH.
WILLIAM BOWERS. W. C. ROACH.
C. M. WALL.

Proceedings.

New Friendship Baptist Church,
August 22, 1905.

Liberty Baptist Association convened with this church today in its seventy-second annual session. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder John R. Miller, from John 21.22.

Intermission for Dinner.

On reassembling the Moderator called the body to order. Elder H. A. Brown, D. D., read the Scripture and led in prayer.

Elder John R. Miller and Archibald Johnson were appointed as reading clerks.

The roll of churches was then called and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Abbott's Creek—N. R. Teague and C. H. Teague.
Asheboro—Not represented.
Center Cross—Not represented.
Denton—Arthur Lanning and W. B. Thompson.
Gravel Hill—William D. Loftin and B. I. Sheets.
Holloway's—J. S. Fine and Berry R. Cross.
Huldah—Not represented.
Jackson's Creek—By letter.
Jersey—Z. T. Sharp, Roba Snider and Ira Sharp.
Lexington—E. M. Ward and W. W. Yarborough.
Liberty—H. P. May and J. M. Easter.
Lick Creek—P. M. Snider and W. A. Stoker.
Maple Springs—Not reported.
Mount Lebanon—M. J. Leach.
New Friendship—H. F. Motsinger, Geleva Hartman and Branson F. Charles.
Oak Hill—Not represented.
Orphanage—S. H. Averitt.
Pine Meeting House—O. T. Davis.
Piney Grove—C. M. Wall and J. Ezra Motsinger.
Reed's X Roads—D. C. Craver, J. N. Myers and Benjamin Myers.
Rich Fork—Mills Newton and Thomas H. Small.
Stoner's Grove—J. H. Wafford, D. D. Davis and Everett Wafford.
Summerville—By letter.
Taylor's Grove—Not represented.
Thomasville—Archibald Johnson and John R. Miller.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats. Elder Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State

Convention; Elder J. S. Farmer, representing the *Biblical Recorder;* Elder S. F. Conrad, in the interest of the *North Carolina Baptist;* Elder H. A. Brown, of the Pilot Mountain; Elder S. B. Wilson, of the Beulah, and MacCauley Costner, of the Raleigh Association, accepted seats in the body. Mr. Benjamin W. Parham, principal-elect of Liberty Associational High School, was introduced and responded with a few appropriate remarks.

The association then proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in re-election of James Smith, Moderator; Henry Sheets, Clerk, and S. H. Averitt, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed George P. Harrill, W. A. Smith and D. C. Craver as a Committee on Order of Business.

Elder G. P. Harrill read the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Children in our homes and in our schools are taught to have a definite aim in life, and some definite end to accomplish in every undertaking. Sometime we who have been diligent in teaching these lessons forget them ourselves when we undertake. So, in order to practice what we teach, let us ask: What end is to be accomplished in a report on State Missions to an association? We answer, in short, to help forward the work of State Missions in the association. Now, let us notice a few things that may stimulate us in the work:

We, as Baptists, should never be satisfied until every home in North Carolina is in reasonable reach of a Baptist Church, and regular preaching at the church at least once every month. We cannot make men believe the Gospel, but we can give them the opportunity; and until this opportunity has been provided for every community in the State our full duty to the work of State Missions has not been done.

Last year there were 124 missionaries employed by the board for all or a part of their time; and by these missionaries more than 1,000 persons were baptized, making an average of 10 baptisms for each missionary at work. When we remember that the missionaries are at work in fields that are largely anti-Baptist, and that the average number of baptisms by these workers is almost equal to the average number of baptisms by the pastors who are at work in fields where conditions are not so difficult, we feel encouraged to press the question of State Missions. Taking into consideration the fact that some state mission work is already being done in the Liberty Association, we could find fields for 200 state missionaries next year in North Carolina, and then the average opportunities for hearing the Gospel would not be equal to that in our own Association.

Last year there were 29 new churches organized within the

State, and 16 of these were organized by State missionaries. The state misionary receives a little less than $145 a year from the State Mission Board. Would it not be a good investment for the Liberty Association to put $145 more into State Missions and receive in return 10 baptized annually, and one new church organized every 18 months?

Let us ever remember this, that as fast as we organize new churches and then cultivate them till they become self-supporting we add to the strength we already have for the furthering of the Gospel in other destitute fields. GEORGE P. HARRILL.

This able, interesting report was spoken to by Secretary Livingston Johnson, using his large missionary map of North Carolina, showing the destitution in the State. After pledges had been taken, the report was adopted.

W. A. Smith, C. M. Wall and P. M. Snider were appointed a committee on Place and Preacher. This committee after retirement, made only a partial report, recommending Thomasville as the place. This was amended by recommending W. A. Smith as the preacher and F. H. Jones as alternate. The report as amended, was adopted.

The pastor and delegates of this church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The committee appointed on order of business, made only a partial report, as follows:

FOR THURSDAY FORENOON.

Religious exercises to commence at 9:30, spending half an hour.
Sunday Schools—10 to 10:45.
Foreign Missions—10:45 to 11:45.
Periodicals—11:45 to 12:15.
Intermission—12:15 to 1:30.

The Association feeling a deep interest in all the churches, and five of them not reporting regularly, viz.: Asheboro, Huldah, Maple Springs, Oak Hill and Marion, therefore a committee of five, consisting of John R. Miller, M. J. Leach, Jeff Lanning, W. A. Smith and Archibald Johnson, was appointed to look after these churches and report their condition, with recommendation, at our next session.

It was appointed that Elder S. F. Conrad preach in this house to-night.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. D. Newton.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

August 23rd.

Promptly on time (9:30) Elder G. P. Harrill conducted religious exercises.

At 10 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order.

Appointed the following brethren as a committee on Finance: B. I. Sheets and B. R. Cross.

On motion of Archibald Johnson the committee on Order of Business was instructed to provide a place on the programme for Woman's Work. Adopted.

Bro. W. C. Barnes read the following:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Recognizing the importance of the Sunday School work as a factor in the development of the churches, we believe that we need to work more to develop the young church members and work for a more thorough organization of our schools. W. C. BARNES.

Addresses on the above report were made by W. C. Barnes, Archibald Johnson and F. H. Jones. The report was then adopted.

At this juncture, the Moderator gave an opportunity to visitors to report: Prof. F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford Seminary for Girls, and Elder J. F. Lancaster, of Pilot Mountain Association reported, and were invited to seats in the body.

Pastor W. A. Smith read the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last conventional year was the most successful one in the history of modern missions, from every point of view. God has most signally crowned the efforts of his people and has smiled upon every advance movement along the line of missions.

It would be interesting to record the progress of missionary effort by the various religious bodies, but we must confine ourselves in this brief report to this work as carried on by our own Southern Baptist Convention.

We now have missions in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentine. By contrasting a few statistics for the past ten years we can easily see somewhat of the success that has attended our efforts. In 1895 we had 91 missionaries; we now have 181. In 1895 we had 85 churches; we now have 194. In 1895 there were 1,503 in Sunday School; now we have 5,496. In 1895 we had 581 baptisms; during the past year we had 2,241. In 1895 we gave $135,435.02; last year we gave $283,415.88.

During the past year we have sent out 50 new missionaries, almost twice as many as we ever sent out in any one previous year.

The salary of a missionary ranges from $500 to $600, according to location.

The total expenses for conducting our mission work is less than 10 per cent. This includes salaries of all secretaries, office expenses, etc.

In view of the need of a well trained native ministry, there has been established on the foreign field seven theological training schools, which have had in attendance during the past year over a hundred men. We also have printing houses on the foreign field, which are scattering the Word of God among the people in their native tongue, besides giving them much other helpful Christian literature. We also have ten medical missionaries, who, while treating the bodily ills in our hospitals, have opportunity to introduce their patients to the Great Physician of the soul.

Our Woman's Missionary Union is doing a great work. The report for last year showed $53,678.45 raised. They undertake to raise this year $63,500. May success attend their noble effort.

By a little examination of our minutes for last year you will find that our association gave less than 8 cents per member for Foreign Missions. It seems from such a statement as this that the great commission of our Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," had made but little impression upon our people.

Remembering the commission of our Master, and the success which has attended our efforts hitherto, your committee recommends that our churches of this association increase their contributions at least 10 per cent. for this great cause for ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. SMITH, Committee.

Bro. Smith addressed the Association on the above able report, followed by S. F. Conrad. Pledges were then taken, after which the report was adopted.

Bro. S. A. Hege came forward and read the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The importance of reading good literature can hardly be estimated. Our people become well informed and efficient in the Lord's work in proportion as they read wisely and prudently. As a denomination claiming what we do we can afford least of all people to not be informed. The Bible and Baptist literature are our main source of information. The Biblical Recorder, being the acknowledged organ of our denomination, appeals most strongly to each and every Baptist home in the State. It is true to Bible doctrine and has stood in the front of every aggressive movement for the right of our people and the uplifting of our denomination.

The North Carolina Baptist, known to all our people, is a live, wideawake paper. It, too, stands for all our denominational interests. For many years it has been outspoken on the temperance question. Its coming into our homes will prove a blessing to our people, Charity and Children fills its own place. No other paper could do its work. We need it. Take it and read it.

The Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field are organs of our denomination, and should be taken and read by all Baptist. In no other way can they be so well informed as to our mission work.

S. A. HEGE,
JOHN SUMMY,
Committee.

Bro. J. S. Farmer spoke for the *Biblical Recorder.* S. F. Conrad represented the *North Carolina Baptist.* Bro. Archibald Johnson spoke with spirit on the work done by *Charity and Children.*

After an interesting discussion on the report, it was adopted.

The committee on Order of Business submitted the following, completing their report:

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON.

Woman's Mission Work—1:45 to 2:00.
Orphanage—2:00 to 2:45.
Home Missions—2:45 to 3:30.
Education and Associational High School—3:30 to 4:00.

THURSDAY—FORENOON.

Devotional Exercises—9:30 to 10:00.
Ministers' Relief—10:00 to 10:45.
Temperance—10:45 to 11:15.
Obituaries—11:15 to 11:30.
Miscellaneous—11:30 to 12:00.

After the adoption of the above, the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Elder J. F. Lancaster.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

August 23d.

The Asociation was called to order. The chair appointed the following committee, consisting of G. P. Harrill, P. M. Snider and Z. T. Sharp, to name the Executive Board.

There was no written report of Woman's Work, but Bro. Archibald Johnson made a strong speech in favor of the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies in each church in our Association. We hope this suggestion will be heeded.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

The year has been a very eventful one at the Orphanage. A typhoid fever scourge raged through some three or four months last fall, and more than 80 of the children were victims of this dreadful disease. By the mercy of the Lord only two died.

A fire last spring destroyed the barn with its contents, consisting of a large lot of feed for the stock. Five mules and a horse perished in the flames.

In the month of July a hail storm destroyed much of the finest crop we have ever had.

Notwithstanding these things the Orphanage is in good condition and will do the largest work of its history during the coming year. The capacity of the institution is being enlarged and the outlook is that we shall have before the year closes between three and four hundred children under its loving care.

We urge our churches to rally to the Orphanage in its hour of real need. A debt hangs over the institution that ought to be paid this year. Let us do our part in this service of love.

S. H. AVERITT.

Speeches were made on the work of our Orphanage and its work, by Bro. S. H. Averitt and F. P. Hobgood.

After pledges had been taken the report was adopted.

The committee appointed to name the Executive Committee submitted the following:

We, the committee to name the Executive Committee of the Association, recommend R. S. Green, Jr., James Smith, William Bowers, W. C. Roach and C. M. Wall.

G. P. HARRILL,
Z. T. SHARP,
P. M. SNIDER.

This report was adopted.

Elder John R. Miller read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board made a splendid report at our Convention in Kansas City last May. Notwithstanding there had been some criticism during the year, the Convention heartily supported the Board, and ordered it to enlarge its work for this year.

Your committee considers the Home Mission work as important as any work we have before our Convention. For, unless we take care of our home-land and keep the ranks recruited and the churches developed, we will not be able to conquer the world for Christ.

The Home Board's Field.

The Home Board is doing work in fourteen of our Southern States, two territories, Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama. The work done by the Home Board in the different States is chiefly supplementary to the work of State Mission Boards. In several of our Southern States the Baptists are totally unable to supply the destitution within their borders. Here the Home Board comes to their aid and finds one of its most important and needly fields. In the territories and frontier section of the Great Southwest the work done by the Home Mission Board is our only hope and dependence. In this great and fertile section of our Southland, where cities and towns are being built, as it were, in a day; and into which a great tide of immigration is flowing, our Home missionaries are trying to sow the seed of the Gospel of Christ. What the harvest will be only the future can tell, but, judging by past and present indications, it will be a glorious harvest.

In Cuba the work is moving along very well, and it behooves us as Baptists to give this new Republic the Gospel of Christ, that Cuba, the Pearl of the Antilles, may be given to our Lord and Master.

Panama.

Our Home Board, ever wideawake to the interests of the Master's Kingdom, has placed a missionary, Rev. J. L. Wise, at Panama. He is the first missionary on the field, and in the July number of The Home Field he gives us an account of the field and the work to be done. What are the opportunities and possibilities of this great Canal Zone is yet to be determined, but we know that Panama will soon become a great world center, as it were—the gateway of the nations. Then how needful that we set up the standard of Christ there at the very beginning of this great enterprise.

As we see, therefore, that the demands on the Home Board are increasing, let us increase our contributions accordingly.

JOHN R. MILLER,
ROBERT S. GREEN, Jr.,
Committee.

This report was discussed by John R. Miller, G. P. Harrill and W. A. Smith.

Pledges were made for this object and then the report was adopted.

The following was read:

REPORT ON EDUCATION AND LIBERTY ASSOCIATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The Bible says: "Train up a child in the way it should go." If we wish it to go right we must train it right. And we cannot possibly do this without educating it morally, intellectually and spiritually, and this will not be done without an effort on the part of the parents at home and the teachers at school.

Well, we are glad that our State is doing more for the education of her children now than it did some years ago, which should not be despised by us as parents, but should receive our encouragement.

We are proud of our Associational School at Wallburg, and can recommend it to the patrons of our Association. We are also glad that we have other high schools in our bounds which are doing good work. May the Lord bless all of these schools and may many of our children be prepared through them sooner or later for college.

And we should not forget our own colleges—Wake Forest, for boys and young men, which has been doing good work for two-thirds of a century; with Murfreesboro, Oxford and the University at Raleigh for girls and young women.

We should not be unmindful of the fact that the Lord is continually calling poor young men to the ministry, who are not able within themselves to educate and prepare for the duties of a minister of the Gospel. May we all lend a helping hand to this God blessed work. WILLIAM BOWERS.

Prof. F. P. Hobgood spoke, commending the teachers of the Liberty Association High School. He was followed by Mr. Benjamin W. Parham in an able address on the responsibility of parents educating their children. Archibald Johnson spoke encouragingly.

On motion of G. P. Harrill, the pastors and delegates were kindly asked to lay the matter of a deficit, due the teachers, before the churches and give any who might wish to do so, an opportunity to aid in the matter, as an Associational School—also stating as a matter of interest to each church, that the Trustees had generously offered a scholarship to one in each church.

The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of John R. Miller and Jeff Lanning to nominate the Associational Trustees of our High School.

Treasurer Averitt submitted his report which is found below:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

State Missions—From Finance Committee and Churches..	$ 79.07
Home Missions—From Finance Committee and Churches..	76.29
Foreign Missions—From Finance Committee and Churches.	122.78
Ministerial Relief—From Finance Committee and Churches.	26.51
Ministerial Education—From Finance Committee and Churches	34.02
Minute Fund—From Finance Committee and Churches....	31.42
Sunday School Missions—From Churches..................	7.40
Total Receipts	$377.49

Disbursements.

State Missions—Paid to Watters Durham, Treasurer......	$ 79.07
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Total Disbursements	$377.49

Respectfully,
S. H. AVERITT, Treasurer.

The following named brethren were appointed to write a report for next session of this association, on the subjects to which their names are attached.

On State Missions—Archibald Johnson, William Bowers.
On Home Missions—Benjamin W. Parham, C. M. Wall.
On Foreign Missions—F. H. Jones, S. A. Hege.
On Periodicals—N. R. Teague, Thomas Carrick.
On Education—W. A. Smith, W. W. Yarborough.
On Orphanage—G. P. Harrill, T. H. Small.
On Sunday Schools—P. M. Snider, J. W. Cole.
On Ministers' Relief—Jeff Lanning, W. T. Tysinger.
On Temperance—S. H. Averitt, J. T. Valentine.
On Obituaries—John R. Miller, A. R. Craver.
On Woman's Work—Archibald Johnson, H. Morton, J. D. Newton.

After some announcements, a motion to adjourn prevailed. Benediction by J. S. Farmer.

THURSDAY MORNING.

August 24th.

Elder H. Morton conducted religious exercises.

The body was called to order.

Elder Lanning read the

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

It is not only a duty that we owe unto the Lord, but a privilege to care for the old, wornout ministers of North Carolina.

We heartily commend this work to all of the churches of the Liberty Association. JEFF. LANNING.

This report was discussed by Elders Jeff Lanning, John R. Miller and G. P. Harrill. As to pledges, the clerk was instructed to place the amounts pledged last year, to the churches this year.

The report was then adopted.

The committee to nominate the Trustees of the Liberty Associational High School, made the following

REPORT.

We, your committee to nominate Trustees for our Associational School, recommend the following brethren, viz.: W. A. Smith, Z. T. Sharpe, A. Johnson and P. M. Snider.

J. R. MILLER,
JEFF LANNING,
Committee.

The report adopted.

Elder John R. Miller offered the following, for the consideration of the churches till next session of this body:

This is to serve notice that at the next session of this Association a motion will be made to change the time of meeting to Tuesday before the third Sunday in November.

Elder Harrill offered the following, which was adopted:

Moved that the pastors of the Association be requested to take collections in their churches for the aid of indigent young ministers in our Seminary at Louisville.

The body proceeded to elect delegates to Baptist State Convention, which resulted in the selection of the following named brethren: C. M. Wall, John R. Miller and Jeff Lanning.

Elder M. L. Kestler was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder W. A. Smith was his alternate.

Bro. C. M. Wall made a motion to elect Bro. W. A. Smith as our Associational representative on the State Board, and his expenses be paid out of the State Mission funds.

Bro. J. O. Bowers read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Since the Convention at Winston, in 1901, when a standing committee on Temperance was appointed and which resulted in the formation of the Anti-Saloon League of the State, the temperance question has assumed a decidedly definite shape, and much progress has been made, as the following figures will show:

Saloons, December 1, 1901, in the State, 400.
Saloons, December 1, 1904, in the State, 150.
Counties with saloons, December 1, 1901, 40.
Counties with saloons, December 1, 1904, 26.
Distilleries, December 1, 1901, 400.
Distilleries, December 1, 1904, 78.

We believe in total prohibition as the final solution of the whisky question in our State, and urge our people to work for a speedy accomplishment of this aim. The moral forces are more united than ever before and they seem determined to fight this battle until the victory is won.

May we not hope that the day will come when liquor will not be manufactured in our State and when it will be a misdemeanor for a person to get drunk. Drunkenness is a crime, and the pity is that our laws do not embrace it as a criminal offense.

We recognize the great value of our recently enacted laws on temperance, but these were only designed to meet the demands partially of the clamoring multitudes of earnest workers in the temperance cause. Righteousness and peace must eventually reign and spread their pinions over the chasm of human woe and bind up the broken hearts and set at liberty the captives of strong drink.

J. D. NEWTON.
J. O. BOWERS.

The report was discussed by G. P. Harrill. Adopted.

The brethren appointed last year on Obituaries, were not present and as no written report was offered, the names of several aged members of our churches were given and their names are recorded here, viz.:

Mrs. C. G. Strayhorn, Mrs. Julia E. Moore, Branson Beeson, Miss Elizabeth Fulp, Mrs. Matilda Swaim, W. P. Redwine, Mrs. Margaret Redwine, Miss Mariah Redwine, Mrs. M. K. Clinard and Enoch Briggs.

Bro. J. T. Valentine offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of this Church for their kind and generous hospitality. Respectfully submitted.

This resolution of thanks received a hearty vote, for the hospitality was all that could be desired.

On the publication of our Associational History, the following brethren were named as the committee: W. A. Smith, Geo. P. Harrill, John R. Miller and C. M. Wall.

On motion of Elder F. H. Jones, the Clerk was allowed

$10 for his services, writing, superintending the printing and distribution of the minutes.

The work of the Asociation was concluded. Pastor Jones made tender and appreciative remarks in regard to the body having met with this (his) church. Elder W. A. Smith responded in terms of highest appreciation of the efforts put forth to make all comfortable and happy.

Pastor Harrill, of Thomasville church, then extended a hearty invitation to all to come to Thomasville next year.

Thus ended the Seventy-Second Session of the Liberty Association.

JAMES SMITH, Moderator,

HENRY SHEETS, Clerk.

The report of the Finance Committee was borrowed from the committee and never came into the hands of the Clerk. This accounts for its not being in the minutes.

STATEMENT MINUTE FUND.

From last year	$ .93
Received from Finance Committee	27.98
Total in hand	$ 28.91

CLERK.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES AND SUNBEAMS.

There are only two of these societies in the Liberty Association, but they have given a fine ilustration of what earnest, consecrated Christian women can do, when properly organized for this work. May others catch their spirit.

Woman's Missionary Society—Thomasville Church.

Church repairs, etc	$ 59.52
Home Missions	70.51
State Missions	16.10
Foreign Missions	15.10
For expense fund for Central Committee	1.00
Total	$162.23

Number of members, 29.

MRS. G. P. HARRILL, President.

SUNBEAMS.

Contributions—

Foreign Missions	$ 2.65
Home Missions	2.60
Total	$ 5.25

Number of members, 12.

MISS KATE JOHNSON, President.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—LEXINGTON CHURCH.

Contributions from September, 1904, to August, 1905—

Home Missions	$ 8.00
Foreign Missions	11.25
State Missions	11.80
Christmas Offering	1.55
Yates' Memorial College	.45
Baptist Orphanage	18.00
On hand, not appropriated	47.50
Total collected	$ 98.55

Number of members, 34.

MISS ROXIE SHEETS, President.

Mrs. J. K. HANKINS, Secretary and Treasurer.

SUNBEAMS.

Contributions to the various objects (about), $10.00.

Number of members, 25.

MISS SEARLES OWEN, President.

TABLE OF PLEDGES FOR 1905–1906.

CHURCHES	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Total.
Abbott's Creek	15 00	5 00	12 00	22 50	5 00	4 00	63 50
Asheboro	....	.....	.....	.....	......	......	....
Centre Cross	......	......	......	......	......	......	....
Denton	6 00	3 50	6 00	14 00	2 00	3 50	35 00
Gravel Hill	5 00	3 00	7 50	8 00	1 50	1 50	26 50
Holloway's	16 00	6 00	15 00	20 00	5 00	3 50	65 50
Huldah	......	......	......	......	......	......	....
Jackson's Creek	......	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 50
Jersey	22 00	7 00	20 00	20 00	8 00	2 50	79 50
Lexington	50 00	25 00	75 00	75 00	15 00	5 00	245 00
Liberty	4 00	5 00	12 00	12 50	3 00	2 00	38 50
Lick Creek	7 00	6 00	10 00	15 00	3 00	1 50	42 50
Maple Springs	.....	......	......	....	......	......	....
Marion	....	.....	......	......	......	......	......
Mount Lebanon	2 50	1 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	11 00
New Friendship	11 00	6 00	12 00	35 00	3 00	1 50	68 50
Oak Hill	.....	1 00	......	...	......	.. .	1 00
Orphanage	50 00	30 00	40 00	50 00	20 00	5 00	195 00
Pine Meeting House	15 00	7 00	12 00	20 00	5 00	3 00	62 00
Piney Grove	35 00	18 00	35 00	25 00	6 50	5 00	124 50
Reed's Cross Roads	10 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	3 00	3 00	62 00
Rich Fork	9 50	4 00	9 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	35 00
Stoner's Grove	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	1 50	75	18 25
Summerville	......	....	. . .	......	....	......	....
Taylor's Grove	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 00	9 50
Thomasville	12 00	10 00	25 00	20 00	2 00	1 00	70 00
Totals	277 00	148 50	320 00	376 50	89 00	47 75	1261 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—AUGUST, 1905.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND P. O.	SECRETARIES AND P. O.	Officers and Teachers.	Number Scholars.	Total.	No. Schools.	No. Volumes in Library.	Quarterlies & papers taken.	Months kept Open.	Average Attendance.	School Expenses.
Abbott's Creek	N. R. Teague, Kernersville, r.f.d.1	W. D. Spurgeon, High Point	7	60	67	1	...	20	12	40	$ 7 00
Asheboro	No report	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
Center Cross	No report.	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
Denton	W. B. Russell, Denton	Not given	...	..	117	1	...	...	12	51	12 56
Gravel Hill	W. D. Loftin, Riley's Store	Mrs. Bertha Sheets, Riley's Store	4	33	37		...	35	12	20	5 00
Holloway's	B. R. Cross, Silver Hill	H. J. Palmer, Silver Hill	6	55	61	1	75	55	12	35	6 00
Huldah	No report.	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
Jackson's Creek	J. T. Pierce, Cox	Not given	2	30	32	..	...	30	...	30	...
Jersey	J. D. Palmer, Linwood	Ray Sharp, Linwood	8	87	95	..	...	120	12	65	...
Lexington	J. W. Noell, Lexington	Not given	30	535	565	3	...	600	12	302	116 25
Liberty	N. T. Kindley, Thomasville, r.f.d.3	S. H. Kindley, Thomasville	7	45	52	1	100	...	...	45	3 48
Lick Creek	W. S. Carrick, Silver Hill, r.f.d. 1	Not given	9	75	84	1	100	...	...	35	4 50
Maple Springs	No report.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Marion	No report.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Lebanon	J. D. Welch, Pisgah	Not given	7	50	57	1	...	50	...	38	1 40
New Friendship	Branson Charles, Winston-Salem	Not given	5	54	59	1	...	54	..	23	5 00
Oak Hill	No report.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Orphanage	S. H. Averitt, Thomasville	Harry Carter, Thomasville	12	335	347	1	...	335	12	235	...
Pine Meeting House	J. H. Beck, Jubilee	Not given	15	108	123	2	100	149	12	80	30 16
Piney Grove	T. S. Wall, Wallburg	R. T. Wall, Wallburg	8	75	83	1	...	120	12	43	...
Reed's Cross Roads	A. E. Myers, Lexington, r.f.d. 3	Benj. Myers, Lexington, r.f.d. 3	7	100	107	1	...	95	12	53	12 35
Rich Fork	Wm. Bowers, Lake	Oscar Bowers, Lake	6	64	70	1	...	60	...	30	6 00
Stoner's Grove	O. L. Stoner, Fairmont	Charles Wren, Fairmont	6	53	59	1	...	37	9	35	3 00
Summerville	No School reported	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...
Taylor's Grove	No report	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Thomasville	H. W. Reinhart, Thomasville	Miss Cora Morton, Thomasville.	8	122	130	1	...	449	12	44	...
			147	1881	2028	18	375	...	...	...	212 70

STATISTICAL TABLE OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1905.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Added.				Lost.								
		Baptisms.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Totals.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Totals.	Gain.	Lost.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.
Abbott's Creeek	C. H. Teague, Wallburg	9			9	2		2	4	5		60	116	176
Asheboro	No report											2	15	17
Center Cross	No report													
Denton	L. A. Tysinger, Denton		1		1	3	2	1	6		5	42	48	90
Gravel Hill	E. M. Russell, Riley's Store	2	2		4	1	2		3	1		12	23	35
Holloway's	B. R. Cross, Silver Hill	14			14	2		4	6	8		62	120	182
Huldah	No report													
Jackson's Creek	J. T. Pierce, Cox	6	1		7			1	1	6		26	62	88
Jersey	G. W. Palmer, Linwood	15	4	2	21	5	1	2	8	13		75	97	172
Lexington	J. W Noell, Lexington	12	9	1	22	3	12	1	16	6		80	143	223
Liberty	J. M. Easter, Thomasville, r. f. d. 5	3	2		5	8	1	1	10		5	58	98	156
Lick Creek	P. M. Snider, Silver Hill, r f. d. 1		1		1	1	2	4	7		6			
Maple Springs	No report													
Marion	No report													5
Mt. Lebanon	J. D Welch, Pisgah											11	26	37
New Friendship	S. A. Hege, Winston-Salem						1	2	3		3	50	77	127
Oak Hill	No report. From last year											14	9	23
Orphanage	N. B. Moore, Thomasville	4	6		10	17			17		7	76	90	166
Pine Meeting House	R K. Williams, Jubilee	21		1	22	20	2	2	24		2	78	137	215
Piney Grove	J. E. Motsinger, Wallburg	12	2		14		2	3	5	9		37	51	88
Reed's Cross Roads	A. R. Craver, Lexington, r. f. d. 3	8	5		13	3	1		4	9		67	104	171
Rich Fork	T. H. Small, Thomasville	2	2		4	9	1		10		6	34	63	97
Stoner's Grove	O. L. Stoner, Fairmont	1	2		3	2	2	2	6		3	24	22	46
Summerville	E. D. Bean, Fairmont	4			4	1	1	2	4			9	27	36
Taylor's Grove	No report. From last year											8	13	21
Thomasville	J. T. Valentine, Thomasville	4	11		15	2		4	6	9		22	39	61
Totals		117	48	4	169	79	30	31	140	66	37	847	1380	2232

FINANCIAL TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST, 1905.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFICES.	Pastors Salaries.	Incidentals.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Poor.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers Relief Fund.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Totals.
Abbott's Creek	Thos. Carrick, High Point	$150 00	$25 00	$13 00	$ 5 00	$11 00	$21 00	$	$ 5 00	$ 4 00	$.....	$ 2 25	$ 241 00
Asheboro	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Center Cross	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Denton	Jeff Lanning, Denton	75 00	....	6 44	3 50	5 08	12 50	....	2 00	3 50	9 25	1 54	118 81
Gravel Hill	Henry Sheets, Lexington	60 00	....	5 00	3 20	6 75	6 00	....	1 00	1 50	37 25	1 00	121 70
Holloway's	J. R. Miller, Thomasville	100 00	....	16 50	5 00	22 85	20 00	2 00	5 00	3 91	13 00	2 00	190 26
Huldah	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jackson's Creek	L. G. Lewis, Thomasville	30 00	....	....	1 50	....	4 15	....	....	1 00	....	50	36 65
Jersey	J. R Miller, Thomasville	150 00	....	22 95	6 38	20 71	22 66	....	8 00	2 61	....	2 25	233 31
Lexington	W. A. Smith, Lexington	900 00	154 22	45 00	25 00	62 50	60 00	113 35	15 00	5 00	230 00	3 00	1873 87
Liberty	Jeff Lanning, Denton	75 00	65	5 00	5 00	11 00	12 50	....	5 00	2 00	....	80	116 95
Lick Creek	Henry Sheets, Lexington	75 00	....	5 00	3 00	5 00	15 00	....	1 50	75	87 25	1 00	193 50
Maple Springs	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marion	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Lebanon	No Pastor	....	....	2 50	1 00	3 00	6 00	....	1 00	....	6 00	30	19 80
New Friendship	F H. Jones, Reidsville	100 00	4 72	11 00	6 00	10 00	165 55	....	3 00	1 50	....	2 00	303 77
Oak Hill	No report	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Orphanage	G. P. Harrill, Thomasville	121 23	....	36 76	39 26	52 94	95 49	....	20 00	5 00	....	2 00	372 68
Pine M. House	S. D. Swaim, Cooleemee	150 00	40	15 00	7 00	23 00	20 00	....	5 00	3 00	85 00	1 00	309 40
Piney Grove	Henry Sheets, Lexington.	100 00	40 00	35 00	18 00	35 00	25 00	....	6 50	5 00	....	2 00	266 50
Reed's X Roads	J. R. Miller, Thomasville	125 00	35 21	12 00	6 73	21 33	23 37	....	3 00	4 00	240 26	2 09	472 99
Rich Fork	J. R. Miller, Thomasville	80 00	...	9 00	5 10	11 00	9 14	....	3 27	3 62	3 00	1 20	125 33
Stoner's Grove	Jeff Lanning Denton	60 00	76	4 00	3 00	3 50	4 50	....	1 50	1 50	....	84	79 60
Summerville	Jeff Lanning, Denton	....	....	....	40	63	73	....	....	99	....	....	2 75
Taylor's Grove	Not represented	....	....		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Thomasville	G. P. Harrill, Thomasville.	125 00	35 46	7 80	4 00	10 69	10 40	..	1 00	4 37	212 00	2 10	412 82
Totals	....	2476 23	296 42	251 95	148 07	315 98	533 99	115 35	86 77	53 25	923 01	27 87	5228 89